

Anno. xxi. H. viii.



Patuta ad temp.
spectantia / edita
in prima sessione
parliamēti / primo

In hoc actum ciuitate Londinensi / Anglie Metropoli.

tertie die Nouembriis / Anno regni victoriosissimi et prepo-

tentissimi principis Henrici octavi / Anglie et Francie

regis / fidei defensoris / et Hibernie domini. xxi. et ex-

ea ciuitate tam adiuncti et prorogati ad Pala-

cium Westmonast. et ibidem continuati per

xlvi. dies / videlicet vlt. ad. xvi. diem

Decembriis / et ab eisdem loco

et die prorogati vlt. ad.

xxvi. diem Aprilis

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An Act made in this Parliamt^{ie} for relieving his Majestie
of Loans to him by his Subjects is printed in Burnes
App. to Hist. of Reform. vol. 1. f. 82. and is remarkable

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An acte concernynge the kynges generall
pardon. Cap. primum.

The kyng our souerayne lord callinge to his blessed and moste gracious remembraunce the dayly and manyfolde daungers / wherein his good and lounge subiectes of this his realme of Englande do and may incurte by thynges done / perpetrated / and commytted contrarie to the order of his lawes / and hauynge alway tender eye / with mercy / pitie / and compassion towarde his sayd subiectes / myndyng of his hygh goodnes and great benignite so alwayes to impartre the same vnto them / as iustice being dayly administred / all rigour be excluded / and the great and beniuolent myndes of the kynges sayd subiectes largely and many tymes approued towarde his highnes by corresponsence of gratitude reacquited / of his mere motion / benignitie / and liberaltye / by auctozpte of his parlyament hath gyuen and graunted his liberall and free pardon to his sayd good and lounge subiectes and to euery of them to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euerye of them by vertue of this present acte / in maner and fourme ensuyng.

That is to wete / the kynges highnes of his sayd benignite and hygh liberalite is fully and resolutely contented and pleased / that it be ordeyned / establisshed / and enacted / by auctozite of this his sayd parlyament / that all and euery of his sayd subiectes / as well spirituall as temporall / the heyres / successours / executours / and administratours of them and euery of them / and all and synguler bodyes in any maner of wyse corporate / cyties / boroughes / shires / rydinges / hundredes / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / townes / villages / and tythynge / and euerye of them / the successours and the successour of euery of them shalbe by the auctozite of this present pliament acquitted / pardoned / released / & discharged agaynst his highnes / his heyres / successours / and executours / and euery of them / of all and all maner offences / contemptes / trespass / wronges / deceites / mys demeanours / forfeitures / penalties / profits / sommes of money / paynes of dethe / and paynes corporall / and pecuniarpe / and generally of all other thynges / causes / quarelles / lutes / iudgementes / and execucions in this present acte hereafter nat excepted nor forpyssed / whiche may be or canne be by his hyghnesse in any wyse or by any meane pardoned / befoze and vnto the laste daye of the moneth of October / in the. xxi. yere of his mooste noble reygne / to euery of his sayde subiectes / bodies corporate / cyties / boroughes / shires / rydinges / hundredes / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / townes / villages / and tythynge / or to any of them. And also the kynges highnes is contented / that it be enacted by auctozite of this present parlyament / that this sayd free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his sayd subiectes of this his realme / and to all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate / cites / boroughes / shires / rydyn-

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ryddynghes/hundredes/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/townes/villages/and
tythynges/and to euery of them/by these generall wordes befoze reherſed
in all thynges/whiche be nat hereafter excepted/as the ſayd pardon ſhulde
haue bene/if all offences/contemptes/forfeitures/cauſes/matters/lutes/
quarrelles/iugementes/executions/penalties/and all other thynges nat
here after excepted/had be particularly/singularly/specially/and plainly
pdoned/named/reherſed/ & ſpecified/by propre oꝝ expreſſe wordes/ & names
in their kyndes/natures/and qualites/in wordes and termes there vnto re-
quiſite in the ſayde pardon/and that his ſayde ſubiectes noꝝ any of them/
their heires/executours/noꝝ adminiſtratours/noꝝ the heires/executours/oꝝ
adminiſtratours of any of them/noꝝ any of the ſaide bodies coꝝpoꝝate/ci-
ties/boroughes/ſhires/ryddynghes/hundredes/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/
townes/villages/noꝝ tythynges/noꝝ any of them/be ſued/bered/oꝝ inqui-
eted/in their bodies/goodes/laides/noꝝ catels foꝝ any maner matter/cause/
contempte/misdemeanour/forfeiture/treſpas/offence/oꝝ any other thyng/
ſuffred/done/oꝝ comytted/befoze the ſayd laſt day of Octobze/agaynſt the
kynges highnes/his crowne/prerogatiue/lawes/statutes/oꝝ dignitie/but
only foꝝ ſuche cauſes/matters/and offences/as be ſpecially and playnly re-
herſed in the exceptions and foꝝpꝝiſes in this preſent pardon hereafter men-
tioned/and foꝝ none other/Any ſtatute oꝝ ſtatutes/lawes/customes/uſe/oꝝ
preſident here to foꝝe had/made/oꝝ uſed to the contrarpe in any wyle nat
withſtandynge.

CAlſo the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie/by auctozitie of
this preſent pliaiment graunteth/and frely gyueth vnto his ſaide ſubiectes/
and to euery of them/and to euery of the ſaide bodies coꝝpoꝝate/cities/bor-
roughes/ſhires/ryddynghes/hundredes/lathes/wapentakes/townes/vil-
lages/and tythynges/and to euery of them all ſuche goodes/catels/fynes/
iſſues/profites/amercementes/forfeitures/and ſommes of money/by any
of them forfeited/whiche to his highnes do oꝝ ſhulde belonge oꝝ apperteine
by reaſon of any offence/contempte/misdemeanour/treſpas/matter/cause/
oꝝ quatell/ſuffred/done oꝝ comytted by them oꝝ any of them/befoze the ſaide
laſt day of Octobze/whiche be nat hereafter ſpecially and playnly foꝝpꝝiſed
and excepted in this preſent pardon/And that all and euery the kynges ſaid
ſubiectes/and all and euery bodies coꝝpoꝝate/cities/boroughes/ſhires/ryd-
dynghes/hundredes/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/townes/villages/and ty-
thynges/may by hym ſelfe/oꝝ his/oꝝ their attourney oꝝ attourneis plede
and miniſter this preſent acte/and free pardon foꝝ his oꝝ their diſcharge of
and foꝝ euery thyng that is therby pardoned without any fee oꝝ other thyng
therfoꝝe in any wyle payenge to any perſone oꝝ perſones foꝝ pledyng/wꝝy-
tyng/oꝝ entre of the iugement/oꝝ foꝝ any other cauſe concernyng the ſame/
but only xii. d. to the clerke that ſhall entre the plea/matter/oꝝ iugement/foꝝ
his oꝝ theyꝝ diſcharge/in that behalfe/Any eſtatute oꝝ uſe to the contrarpe
natwithſtandynge.

And

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented / that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament / that his sayde free pardon in all maner courtes of his lawes / and elles where / shall be repared / bened / and iudged / allowed / and taken as well in the wordes and clauses / of the exceptions and forpyles specified in this present pardon and acte / as in all and singular the other clauses / wordes / and sentence / mentioned and reherfed in the said free pardon mooste beneficially and available to all and singular his sayde subiectes of this his realme / and to every of the sayde bodies corporated / cities / boroughes / shires / tyddynge / hundredes / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / townes / villages / and tythynges / and every of them / and mooste strongly in barre / and discharge against his highnes / his heires / successours / and executours / in every thyng without obstacle challenge or other delays what so ever it be / to be made / pleded / objected / or aleged by the kyng our soueraygne lord / his heires / successours / or executours / or by his or any of their generall attourney / or attourneys / or by any other persone or persones for his highnes / or any of his heires / successours / or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord / and by auctoritie of this present parliament / that if any officer or clerke of his highe courtes comonly called the kynges benche / chauncery / and comon place / or of his eschequer / or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme after the feoff of the Statute of our lord god nexte comynge / make out / or write out any inaher of writtes / or other processe / or any extractis / or other preceptes / whereby any person or persones of his saide subiectes / or any of the sayd bodies corporated / cities / boroughes / shires / tyddynge / hundredes / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / townes / villages / or tythynges / or any of them shalbe in any wyse arrested / attached / distressyd / somoned / or other wyse vexed / troubled / or greued in their bodies / landes / tenementes / goodes / or catelles / or in any of them / for or by cause of any maner of thyng / acquitted / pardoned / released / or discharged by this present acte of free pardon / he so offending / and therof lawfully condemned / shall paye and paye for recompence thereof to the party so greued or offended / treble damages / accompted as parcell of those damages / all costes of the sute. And neuer the lesse all and singularliche writtes / processe / extractes / and preceptes / made / or to be made / for or upon any maner thyng acquitted / pardoned / released / or discharged by this present acte of free pardon / shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Except all wayes & forpyles out of this pardon all maner of high treason / all prepenfed & voluntary murders / all robbories of churches / & robbories done upon or to menles personis / all other felonies / & robbories by the comon lawe / of felonous takynge of any money / goodes / or catels above þe value of xx. s. all felonous brennyng of houses / all carnall rauishmentes of women / all falsinges of recordes / all outlaries of high treasons / & of al maner of felonies other than felonies to the laide value of xx. s. or vnder that soume.

A. liij.

And

And that all other outlaries had or promulged upon or agaynst any per-
 soue or persones for any cause nat beinge treason/murder/or felonie/aboue
 the saide somme of. xx. s. to be pardoned by the generall wordes of this par-
 done afore saide / so alway that the same persones and every of them stande
 to ryght to and were or satisfie the pte/ at whose sute he is out lawed/accoz-
 dyng to the lawes of this realme. Also excepted and forprised out of this
 pardone al offences/and contemptes comitted and done agaynst the statute
 or statutes of prouision and premunire/or any of them/and all forseitures
 and tytes that may growe to the kynges highnes by reason of any of the
 same estatutes/and all tytes & actions of Quare impedit/ and all rauish-
 mentes of the kynges wardes / all wastes of the kynges woodes in his fo-
 restes/parkes/ or chaces / all conceleimentes of customes and subsidies / all
 ryottes/rowtes/and vnlawful assemblies comitted & done aboue the nombze
 of. xx. persones. And also excepte and forprised out of this pardone all
 issues/and profits/fynes/and other penalties for inclosures of landes/and
 issues/profits/fynes/& other penalties/for decayes of houles of husbādy
 if that the same inclosures be nat reformed / and the landes put in tillage/
 or the saide houles nat reedified before the laste day of September nexte co-
 myng. And also excepte all maner of alienacions and gyftes in to mort-
 mayne or to thuse of any maner of mortmayne/& all intrusions/had/made/
 or done in any maners/landes tenementes/or other hereditamentes/sithen
 the feest of saint Myghell the archangell/whiche was in the. xx. yere of the
 raigne of our saide soueraine lord. And also all offences comyted by
 dyggynge downe or castynge downe of any crosse or crosses/whiche stode/
 or were sette in any common or highe way or wayes / and all and singuler
 dettes other than dettes growyng upon recognisaunces beinge all redy for-
 feyted/for suertie of the peace / or for apparaunce at any day or place.
 And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes / and all
 actions/sutes and impletions for the same accomptes and arretrages of ac-
 comptes/and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted & forprised/
 All homages and relieffes/all wylfull escapes/as well of couctes as other
 dettes/whiche were due to the most noble kyng of famous memorie kyng
 Henry the. vii. or to any person or persons to his vse by any condemnation/
 recognisaunce/obligation/or other wyle. All and singuler those forsey-
 tures due to our souerayne lord kyng Henry the. viii. by any penall sta-
 tute or statutes/whiche be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iugement
 or by agreement of the offendours before the fyrste day of this present parli-
 amēt/& all forseitures & other penalties & profits growen or due by reason
 of any offence or acte comitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes or
 cōtrary to the cōmon lawe/wherof any seisure is made/or any information
 gyuen in the kynges eschequer / or any sute there cōmenced before the sayde
 fyrste day of this parlyament / or wherof the kynges highnesse by his byll
 signed or other wyle here to fore hath made any gyfte or assignement to any
 of his

of his seruantes / and also excepted all issues forfeited/fynes/amerceementes
affered/taxed/set/extreted/o2 iudged seuerally/and pecciculerly/extendinge
to the some of a.C.s. o2 aboue that some / And that all and singuler other
fynes/as well fynes (pro licencia concordandi) as other/and all other issues
and amercementes/as well reall as other / whiche seuerally o2 particularly
extede nat to the sayd somme of a.C.s. whyther they be totted o2 nat totted/
taken to the charge of the sheryffe / o2 nat taken to his charge/ extreted o2
nat extreted/whither they be tourned in to dette o2 nat dette/and nat beinge
leuied no2 recepued by any sheryffe o2 sheryffes/baylyffe/ministers/o2 other
officers/shall be fully clere and playnely pardoned/ and discharged agaynst
the kynge our soueraigne lord / his heires/and succellours for euer.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctozite aforesayde / that in case hit be
obiected to any Sheryffe o2 Sheryffes/ o2 other accomptauntes in the kyn
ges court of Eschequer/o2 in any other his courtes/that any sheryffe o2 sheryffes
o2 other officers accomptaunt/hath receiued o2 taken any such fynes/
issues/ o2 amercementes before pardoned/released/and acquitted/ that than
euery such sheryffe and sheryffes and other accomptauntes shalbe dischar
ged/released/pardoned/and acquitted therof by his o2 theyr othe/without any
further tryall in that behalfe.

¶ God saue the kynge.

¶ An acte that abiured persones shall be marked in the
ryght hande with the sygne of an A. Cap. ij.



¶ It enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord /
and the lordes spirituall and temporall/ and the comons
in this present parlyament assembled / and by auctozite
of the same / that if any persone take seyntuarie in any
churche/churche yerde / o2 other holpe place / for felonye
o2 murder / where he ought by the lawes and customes
of this realme to haue his abiuration for the same / that
than the same felon o2 murderer/ shall take his abiuracion and passage out
of the same churche/churche yerde/o2 other holy place/ at such day & tyme
as shall be limited to hym by the coroner of the shyre o2 place / wherein he
taketh such seyntuarie / and that the coroner immediately after his con
fession/ and before his abiuration/ shall cause euery such felon o2 murder
er to be marked with an hote yron upon the brayne of the thombe of the
ryght hande with the signe of an A. to the entent he may be the better knowe
amonge the kynges subiectes that he was abiured / And than to gyue hym
his abiuration/and to be used in all other thinges as hath ben accustomed.
And that all mayres / baylyffes / and constables/ shall be attendaunt at the
commaundement of the coroner for the due execution thereof / as they wyl
and were at theyr pannels to the kynges highnes for the same.
And if any felon o2 murderer that ought to haue any such abiuracio refuse
to take

to take his passage out of the said Sepulchre at such time as shalbe limited to him by the said coroner. That than the said felon or murderer so refused/ shall lose the benefite of the same sepulchre/ and be taken out of the same/ and committed to prison/ and further to be ordered for his offence after his merites/ without any restitution to sepulchre for the same.

An acte concernynge abrygementes of playntes in assise. Cap. iij.

For as moche as assises whiche haue bene thoughte the most speedy remedy/ be now by occasion of pleding of many barres to moorties/ and partes of the landes put in beue and playnt/ greatly delayed for difficultes and delayon of pledynge/ And one cause therof is/ because the plaintiffes in the assise/ in such ples to moorties/ and partes/ can nat by the lawe abrydge theyr playntes. For remedy wherof/ be it enacted/ that the plaintiffe in every assise from henceforth may at his pleasure seuer and abrydge his playnt/ of any parte or partes wherunto any barre is pleded/ in such lyke maner/ as he or they myght do in case the ples in barre had be made and demyred to any certayn pte or nombie of acres in the playnt/ And that the playnt for the resydue of the parte or ptes of the landes nat abryged shall be and stande good and effectual in the lawe.

An acte concernynge the sale of landes by the executours of the testametes. Cap. iij.

Where dyuers sondre persones before this tyme haunge other persones leased to theyr viles/ of and in landes/ and other hereditamentes/ to and for the declaration of theyr wylles/ haue by theyr laste wylles and testametes willed a declarede such thei had landes/ tenementes/ or other hereditamentes to be solde by their executours/ as well to and for the paymentes of their debtes/ performance of their legacies necessary/ and convenient byndynge of their wyues/ virtuous byngynge vp/ and aduancement of their chyldren to marage/ as also for other charitable dedes to be done and executed by theyr executours for the wylth of their soules/ And nat without doubte such trust and confidence is by them put in theyr sayd executours/ whiche oft tymes ben founde whete such sayd wylles and testametes of such landes/ tenementes/ and other hereditamentes hath ben declared/ and in the same dyuers executours named and made/ that after the decease of such testatours/ some of the same executours wyllynge to accomplishe the trust and confidence that they haue put in by the same testatour/ haue accepted and taken vpon them the charge of the same testament/ and haue bene vnder to fulfill and performe all thynges contained in the same/ and the residue

residue of the same executors vncharitably contrary to the trust that they were put in/haue refused to intermedle in any wyse with the execucion of the sayde wyll and testament/or with the sale of suche landes so willed to be solde by the testatour. And for as moche as a bargayne and sale of suche landes/tenementes / or other hereditamentes so willed by any persone to be solde by his executors after his decease after the opinion of dyuers persones canne in no wyse be good or effectuell in the lawe / onelesse the same bargayne and sale be made by the hole noumbre of the executors named to and for the same: by reason whereof as well the dettes of suche testatours hath rested vnpayed & vnstatisfied/to the great daunger and perrell of the soules of suche testatours/& to the great hynderaunce/& in many tymes to the vtter vndoynge of theyr credytours / As also the legacies and bequestes made by the testatour to his wyfe / chyldren / and for other charitable dedes to be done for the welth of the soule of the same testatour/that made the same testament/hath ben also vnperformed/as well to the extreme mystry of the wyfe & chyldren of the sayd testatour/as also to the let of performance of other charitable dedes for the welthe of the soule of the layde testatour/to the displeasure of almyghty god. For the remedy wherof / Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the auctorite of this present parliament / that where parte of the executors named in any suche testament of any suche pson so makynge or declaryng any suche wyll of any landes/tenementes/ or other hereditamentes/ to be solde by his executors / after the deth of any suche testatour/ do refuse to take vpon hym or them the administration and charge of the same testament and last wyll/ where in they be so named to be executors / and the residue of the same executors do accepte and take vpon them the cure and charge of the same testament and last wyll/ that than all bargaynes and sales of suche landes / tenementes/ or other hereditamentes / so willed to be solde by the executors of any suche testatour/ as well heretofore made / as hereafter to be made by hym or them/ onely of the sayde executors that so dothe accepte / or that heretofore hath accepted / and taken vpon hym or them any suche cure or charge of administration of any suche wyll or testament/ shall be as good and as effectuell in the lawe / as if all the residue of the same executors named in the sayde testament/so refusynge the administration of the same testament/had ioyned with hym or them in the makynge of the bargayne and sale of suche landes/tenementes/or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by their executors/of any suche testatour/whiche here tofore hath made or declared/or that hereafter shall make or declare any suche wyll of any suche landes/tenementes / or other hereditamentes after his decease to be solde by his executors.

Provided alway that this acte shall nat extende to gyue power or auctorite to any executor or executors at any tyme hereafter to bargayne or put to sale any landes/tenementes/or hereditamentes/by vertue and auctorite of any

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of any wylle or testament heretofore made/other wise than they might do by the course of the common lawe afore the makynge of this acte.

An acte concernynge probate of testaments. Cap. b.



Where in the parliament holden at westmister in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of the noble kyng of famous memozye / Edward the thirde vpon the complaint of his people for the outrageous and greuous fynes and sommes of money taken by the ministers of bysshoppes / and of other ordynaries of holpe churche for the probate of testaments/and for the acquitaunces by the said ordynaries to be made concernynge the same/the sayd noble kyng in the same parlyment openly charged and comaunded the archebysshoppe of Canturbery/ and the other bysshoppes for that tyme beyng that amendement thereof shuld be had. And if none amendement were therof had/it was by the auctorite of the same parlyment accorded/that the kyng shulde therof make inquiry by his iustices of suche oppression and extorcions. And that the same iustices shulde here and determyne them as well at the sute of the kyng as of the partie/as of olde tyme hath ben vled/as by the same statute playnly appereth. And where at the pliament holden at westmyster in the. iii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the. v. it was reslyted y the comons of the realme had often tymes complayned them in dyuers parlamentes of that that dyuers ordynaries take for the probacion of testaments and other thynges therebnto belongynge / some tyme. xl. s. some tyme. lx. s. and some tyme more agaynste ryghte and Justyce / where in the tyme of kyng Edward the. iii. men were wonte to paye for suche causes but. ii. s. vi. d. or. v. s. at the moste/by whiche vnlawfull exactions the testaments of the testatours myght nat be executed accordyng to their last wylles. It was than enacted for the auoydynge of suche oppressions/ that no ordinary from thenseforth shulde take for the probacion of any testament and inuentarye/ or for any other thynges to the same belongynge / any more than was accustomed & vled in the tyme of the sayde noble kyng Edward the thyrde/ vpon payne to yelde to the partie so greued thre tymes as moche as the sayde ordynaries dyd so receiue/ whiche acte dyd endure but to the next parlyment folowynge/ by reason that the ordynaries dyd than promyse to reforme and amende the sayde oppressions and exactions. And for that that the sayd vnlawfull exactions of the sayde ordynaries and theyr ministers be nothyng reformed nor amended/ but greatly augmented and encreased agaynste ryghte and Justyce/and to the great impouerishynge of the kynges subiectes.

The kyng our souerayne lord by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal/and the comons in this present parlyment assembled/and by auctorite of the same/hath ordeyned/establyshed/ and enacted / that from the fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lord. M. v. C. xxx. that nothyng shall be de-

be demaunded/receiued/noz taken by any bps shoppe/o2dynary/archebeken/
chauncellour/comptroler/official/noz any other maner of person o2 psons/
what so euer they be / whiche nowe haue / o2 whiche at any tyme here after
shall haue auctoritie o2 power to take o2 receyue probacion / insinuacion/o2
approbacion of testament o2 testaments/by hym selfe o2 them selfe/noz by
his o2 they? regysters / scribes / praylers/sommoners / apparatours/o2 by
any other of they? mynysters/fo2 the probacion/ insinuacion/and approba-
cion/of any testament o2 testaments/o2 fo2 wytyng/sealyng/pragtyng/
regestryng/synes/makyng of inuentories/& gyppynge of acquitances/o2 fo2
any other maner of cause cōcerning the same/where the goodes of the testa-
tour of the sayde testament/o2 person so dyenge/do nat amount clerely ouer
and aboue the value of. C. s. sterlyng/excepte onely to the scribe to haue fo2
wytyng of the probate of the testament of hym deceased / whose goodes
shall nat be aboue the same clere value of. C. s. vi. d. and fo2 the comysyn
of mynystration of the goodes of any man disleasyng intestate/nat beinge
aboue lyke value of. C. s. clere and. vi. d. and that neuer the lesse the bps-
shoppe/o2dynary / o2 other person o2 persons haupnge power o2 auctoritie
to take o2 receyue the probacion o2 approbacion of testaments / refuse nat
to approue any suche testament/beinge laudably tended o2 offred to them to
be proued o2 approued / whereof the goodes of the testatour o2 persone so
dyenge amounte nat aboue the value of. C. s. sterlyng/ so that the sayde
testament/be exhyted to hym o2 them in wytyng with waxe thereunto
affixed redye to be seale/and that the same testament be laudfully proued
before the same o2dynarye (before the sealyng) to be the trewe/ holle / and
laste testament of the same testatour / in suche fourtine as hath bene com-
monly accustomed in that behalfe.

¶ And whan the goodes of the testatour do amount ouer and aboue the
clere value of. C. s. and do nat excede the somme of. xl. ponde sterlyng:
that than no bps shoppe/o2dynary/ noz other maner of persone o2 persones
what so euer he o2 they be / nowe haupnge/o2 whiche hereafter shall haue
auctorite to take probacion o2 approbacion of any testament o2 testaments
as is also sayd/by them selfe noz any of they? sayd regysters/scribes/pray-
lers/sommoners/apparatours/noz any other they? mynysters fo2 the proba-
cion/insinuacion/and approbacion of any testament o2 testaments / o2 fo2
the regestryng/sealyng/wytyng/pragtyng/makyng of inuentaries/gyppynge
of acquitances/synes/o2 any other thyng concerning the same/shall take
o2 cause to be taken of any person o2 persons/but onely. iii. s. vi. d. and nat
aboue/ whereof to be to the sayd bps shoppe o2 o2dynarye / o2 to other person
o2 persones haupnge power and auctorite to take the probacion o2 appro-
bacion of any testament o2 testaments/ fo2 hym and his mynysters. ii. s.
vi. d. and nat aboue/ and. xii. d. residue of the sayd. iii. s. vi. d. to be to the
scribe fo2 the regestryng of the same. And where the goodes of the testatour
o2 person o2 persons so dyenge/ do amounte ouer and aboue the clere value
of. xl.

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of xl. pounce sterlyng/that than the byf shoppe no2 ordinary/no2 other person or persons now hauinge / or whiche here after shall haue auctorite or power to take probate of testaments / as is afore sayde / by hym or them selfe/ no2 any of his or theyr sayd registers/scribes/ preysers/ summoners/ apparatours/or any other their ministers / for the probacion/insinuation/ and approbacion of any testament or testaments / or for the registryng/sealyng/wrytyng/ prapryng/makynge of inuentaryes/fynes/ gpyng of acquitaunces / or any thyng concernynge the same probate or testament / shall from the sayde fyrst day of Apryll/take or cause to be taken of any person or persons/but onely. v. s. & nat above/ whereof to be to the sayde byf shoppe/ordinary/or other person hauinge power to take the probacion of suche testament or testametes for hym & his mynisters. ii. s. vi. d. and nat above/& ii. s. vi. d. residue of the said. v. s. to be to the scribe for registryng of the same/or els the same scribe to be at his libertie to refuse those. ii. s. vi. d. and to demaunde and haue for wrytyng of euery tenne lines of the same testament/wherof euery lyne to conteyne in length. x. ynches. i. d. And that euery suche byf shop/or ordinary/and other person or persons so hauing / or whiche hereafter shall haue auctorite or power to take or receyue the probacion or approbacion of any testament or testametes/as is aboute sayd/their registers/scribes/and mynisters/shall approue/insinuate/seale/ and register/ from tyme to tyme the said testaments/and deliuer the same seale with the seale of theyr office to the executour or executours named in any suche testaments/for the said some or sommes aboute sayd/ and in maner & forme as is aboute rehersed to deliuer it with conuenient speede / without any frustracyon delay. And in case any persone dye intestate/or that the executours named in any suche testaments/refuse to proue the sayde testament. Than the sayd ordinary or other pson or persons hauing auctoritie to take pbate of testaments/ as is aboute sayde / shall graunte the administration of the goodes of the testatour or person deceased to the wydowe of the same person deceased / or to the nexte of his kynne/or to bothe/as by the discretion of the same ordinary shall be thought good/takyng suertie of hym or them/ to whom shalbe made suche comission for true administration of y goodes/ cattels / and dettes / whiche he or they shall be so auctorysed to mynister. And in case where dyuers persones clayme the administration as nexte of kynne/whiche be egall in degree of kynrede to the testatour or person deceased / and where any persone onely despyeth the administration as nexte of kynne/where in dede diuers plons be in equalite of kynred/as is afore said/ than in euery suche case the ordinare to be at his election and libertie to accepte any one or mo makynge request where dyuers do requyre the administration. Or where but one or moze of them / and nat all beynge in equalite of degree do make request / then the ordinary to admytte the wydowe and hym or them onely makynge requeste / or anye one of them at his pleasure/takynge nothyng for the same/onelesse the goodes of the persone so deca-

so deceased / amounte aboue the value oꝝ somme of. C. s. And in case the goodes of the person so deceased amounte aboue the value of. C. s. and nat aboue the value oꝝ somme of. xl. li. Than the sayde bysshoppe/oꝝdynary/oꝝ other persone oꝝ persones / so haupnge auctoritie to take probate of testaments/as is afoze sayde/theyꝝ mynysters and officers/shall take only. ii. s. vi. d. sterlyng and nat aboue/and that the executour and executours named by the testatour oꝝ persone so deceased / oꝝ suche other persone oꝝ persones/ to w hom suche admynystration shall be commytted/ where any persone dyeth intestate oꝝ by way of intestate/callyng oꝝ takyng to hym oꝝ them suche persone oꝝ persones /two at the leaste/ to whom the sayde person so dyenge was indetted/oꝝ made any legacye/and vpon theyꝝ refusell oꝝ absence/two other honest persones beinge nexte of kynne to the persone so dyenge / and in theyꝝ defaute oꝝ absence. ii. other honest persones / and in theyꝝ pꝛesence/ and by theyꝝ discreffions shall make oꝝ cause to be made a trewe and parfite inuentorye of all the goodes/cattels/wares/marchādises/as well mouable as nat mouable / what so euer that were of the sayde persone so deceased/ and the same shall cause to be indented/ wherof the one parte shall be by the sayde executour oꝝ executours/admynystratour/oꝝ admynystratours/vpon his oꝝ theyꝝ othe oꝝ othes to be taken before the sayde bysshoppes / oꝝdynaries / theyꝝ officials / oꝝ commysaryes/oꝝ other persons haupnge power to take probate of testaments/vpon the holy Euangelyst to be good & trewe/ and the same one parte endented shall pꝛesent and delyuer in to the keepyng of the sayde bysshoppe/oꝝdynary/oꝝ oꝝdynaries/oꝝ other persone haupnge power to take probate of testamētes/and the other parte therof to remayne with the sayde executour oꝝ executours / admynystratour / oꝝ admynystratours/and that no bysshoppe/oꝝdynary/oꝝ other/what so euer person / haupnge auctoritie to take probate of testament oꝝ testaments / as is aboue sayde / vpon the payne in this estatute hereafter contayned / refuse to take any suche inuentorye oꝝ inuentories to hymi oꝝ them pꝛesented / oꝝ tended to be delyuered as is afoze sayde.

Prouided always that if the person so deceased wyl by his testament oꝝ last wyl/ any landes/tenementes/oꝝ heredytamentes/to be solde / that the money therof comynge noꝝ the profites of the sayd landes/foꝝ any tyme to be taken/shall nat be accompted as any of the goodes oꝝ cattels of the sayd person so deceased/and that the same bysshoppe/oꝝdynary/oꝝ other person oꝝ persons/haupng auctorite to take probate of testament oꝝ testamētes/as is afozesaid/ vpon the deliuerie of the seale and sygne of the testatour/do cause the same seale to be defaced/and there vpon incontinent redelyuer the same seale vnto the said executour oꝝ executours/without claime oꝝ chalēge there vnto to be made: And in case any person oꝝ psons at any tyme hereafter requite a coppye oꝝ coppies of the sayd testaments so proued/oꝝ of the sayde inuentory so made/that than the said oꝝdynary oꝝ oꝝdinarie/ and the other psons haupng/ auctorite to take probate of testamētes/oꝝ theyꝝ ministers/

shall from tyme to tyme with comenient spede/ without any frustatoꝝ de-
laye/delyuer oꝝ cause to be delyuered a treme cōpy oꝝ cōpyes of the same
to the sayd person oꝝ persons so demaundyng them oꝝ any of them / takyng
foꝝ the serche and foꝝ the makynge of the cōpye of either of the saide testa-
ment oꝝ inuentoꝝ / but onely suche fee as is before reherſed foꝝ the rege-
stryng of the sayde testament / oꝝ elles the scribe oꝝ register to be at his e-
lection and libertie to demaunde / haue / and take foꝝ every ten lynes therof
beinge of the pꝛopꝛtion before reherſed. i. d.

Cōpounded alway that where any person oꝝ persons haupnge power oꝝ
auctoꝛitie to take pꝛobate of testaments/haue vſed to take lesse ſommes of
money than is aboue sayde foꝝ the pꝛobate of testaments/oꝝ cōmyſſions of
administrations/oꝝ other cause concernyng the same/shall take and receiue
suche ſomme oꝝ ſommes of money foꝝ the pꝛobate of testaments and com-
myſſions of the admyſtrations / and other causes concernyng the same/
as they before the makynge of this acte haue vſed to take/and nat aboue.

And it is enacted/that every byſſhoppe/oꝝ dynarke/archedeaken/chaun-
cellour/commyſſary/officiall/and other person and persons/haupng/oꝝ the
whiche hereafter shall haue auctoꝛitie to take pꝛobate of testaments/theyꝝ
registers/scribes/pꝛaylers/ſommoners / apparatours / and all other theyꝝ
myniſters / what ſo euer they be / that shall do oꝝ attempte / oꝝ cause to be
done and attempted agaynſt this acte oꝝ ordinance in any thyng/shall foꝝ-
ſayte and loſe foꝝ every tyme ſo offendyng to the ptie greued in that behalfe/
ſo moche money as any ſuche person aboue ſayd shall take contrary to this
pꝛeſent acte. And ouer that shall loſe and foꝝſayte. x. pounce ſterlyng/wher-
of the one moyte shall be to the kyng our ſoueraygne loꝛde / and the other
moyte to the partye greued in that behalfe/ that wyl ſue by action of dette/
byll/information/oꝝ other wyſe/in any of the kynges courtes foꝝ ꝑ recouere
of the ſame/in whiche action no elſoyne/pꝛotection/noꝝ wager of lawe shall
be admytted oꝝ allowed. And that every of the ſame byſſhoppes and other
persons/whiche shall here after incurre oꝝ falle in to the dainger of ſuche pe-
naltie oꝝ foꝝſayture shall be charged only foꝝ hym ſelfe. And none of them to
be chargeable to that penaltie foꝝ others offence. **C**ōpounded alway that
this pꝛeſent acte be nat pꝛejudiciall to any ordinary oꝝ other pſon / whiche
nowe haue oꝝ hereafter shall haue auctoꝛite foꝝ pꝛobate of testamētes / but
that every of them shall maye conuent before them all/ & every pſon oꝝ per-
ſons made & named executour oꝝ executours of any testamēt / to thentet to
pꝛoue oꝝ reſuſe ꝑ testamēt oꝝ testamētes of their testatour oꝝ testatours / &
to bringe in inuentaries/& to do every other thyng concernyng the ſame/as
they myght do before the makynge of this acte / ſo that alwayes any ſuche
oꝝ dynarke/oꝝ other person oꝝ persons haupng ſuche auctoꝛite by them ſelfe/
their comiſſaries/scribes/register/oꝝ other miniſters afoꝛe ſayde/shall nat
in any wyſe take foꝝ the ſame aboue the fees limytted by this acte/ ne in any
wyſe attempte any thyng contrary to any parte of the ſame acte.

**An acte concernyng takynge of
Mortuaries. Cap. vi.**



Has moche as question/Ambyguete/and doubte is chaunced and ryfen vpon the order/maner/and fourme of demaundyng/receyvinge/and clapyng of Mortuaries / other wyse called Corse presentes / as well for the greatnes & value of the same/ whiche as hath lately bene taken / is thought ouer excessyue to the pooze people and other persones of this realme / as also for that suche mortuaries or corse presentes haue bene demaunded and leuyed for suche as at the tyme of theyr deeth haue had no proprete in any goodes or cattels. And many tymes for trauiaylinge & wayfarynge men / in the places where they haue fortunied to dye/to the entent that all doubte / contention/and intertaynte/ herein may be remoued/and as well the generaltie of the kynges people therein remedied / as also the persons/vicars / parryshe prestes/cu- rates / and other hauynge interest in suche mortuaries and corse presentes indyfferently prouyded for.

Use it therfore enacted/ordeyned/and establisshed/by the kyng our soue- rayne lord/and the lordes spirituall & tempozall / and the comons of this parliament assembled/and by auctoritie of the same/that from the fyrst day of Aprill/in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. and. xxx. no person/vicar/cu- rate/noz parryshe prest/ne any other spirituall person/noz their fermours/ baylyffes/noz lessees/shall take/receyue/or demaunde of any person or per- sons within this realme for any person or persons dyenge within the same/ any maner mortuary or corse presēt/ne any somme or sommes of money/ne any other thyng for the same / more than is here after mencyned. He also shall conuent or call any persone or persones before any iudge spirituall for the recouere of any suche mortuaries or corse presentes/ or any other thyng for the same / more than is here after mencioned/ vpon payne to forfayte for euery tyme so demaundyng/receyvinge/takynge / or conuentynge/or cal- lynge any suche person or persons before any spirituall iudge / so moche in value as they shall take aboue the somme lymyted by this acte. And ouer that. xl. s. to the party greued cōtrary to this acte / for the whiche forfayture the partie so greued contrarye to this acte / shall haue an action of dette/by wyrtte/byll/playnt / or informacion/ in any of the kynges courtes/wherin no wager of lawe/essoien/noz protection shalbe allowed.

First it is ordeyned/establisshed/and enacted/ that no maner mortuarye shall be taken or demaunded of any person/what so euer he be/whiche at the tyme of his deeth hath in mouable goodes vnder the value of. x. marke. Also that no mortuarye shalbe gyuen or demaunded from henseforth of any maner person/but onely in suche place where here to fore mortuaries haue ben bled to be payde & gyuen/& in those places none other wile but after the rate and fourme here after mencyned. He that any person pay mortuaries

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in moze places than one/that is to say/in the place of theyr most dwellynge and habitation/and there but one moztuary/ Noz no person/bycar/curate/paryshe pzeest/o2 other/shall for any persone dyenge/o2 deed/and beinge at the tyme of his dethe/of the value in mouable goodes of.x.marke/o2 moze clerely / aboue his dettes payde / and vnder the somme of.xxx.pounde/take for a moztuarpe.iiij.s.iiij.d.in the holle. And for a persone dyenge o2 deed/ beinge at the tyme of his dethe of the value of.xxx.pounde o2 aboue clerely/ aboue his dettes paide in mouable goodes/and vnder the value of.xl.pound/ there shall no moze be taken o2 demaunded for a moztuarpe than.vj.s.viii.d. in the holle / and for any persone dyenge o2 deed / beinge at the tyme of his dethe/of the value in mouable goodes of.x.pounde o2 aboue/to any some/ what so euer hit be / clerely aboue his dettes payde / there shall be no moze taken / payde/o2 demaunded for a moztuarpe than.x.s.in the holle.

¶ Provided alway that for no woman beinge couette baron/noz childe/ ne for any persone nat kepyng house/any maner moztuarpe be payde/ne that any person/bycar/curate/paryshe pzeest/o2 other/as ke/demaunde/o2 take / for any suche woman / chylde / o2 for any persone nat kepyng house / dyenge / o2 deed / any maner thyng o2 money by waye of moztuarpe/ ne also for any wayfaryng man/o2 other that dwelleth nat ne maketh residence in the place where they shall happen to dye / but that the moztuarpe of suche wayfaryng persones/be answerable in places where moztuaries be accustomed to be payde/and in maner and fourme & after the rate befoze mencioned/ and none other wyse in the place o2 places where suche wayfaryng persones / at the tyme of theyr dethe had theyr mooste habitation / house / and dwellyng places/ & no where els. ¶ Provided alway that it shall be lefull to all maner persons/bycars/curates/paryshe pzeestes/and other spirituall persons/to take and receyue any maner somme of money / o2 other thyng/ whiche by any persone dyenge shall fortune to be disposed/gyuen/o2 bequeathed vnto them/o2 any of them/o2 to the highe aulter of the churche. This acte o2 any thyng therein mencioned nat withstandyng.

¶ And be it also enacted by the autozite afoze sayd/that no moztuaries/noz co2se pzeentes / ne any somme o2 sommes of money / o2 other thyng / for any moztuary o2 co2se pzeent shall be demaunded/taken/receyued/o2 had/ in the parties of wales / noz in the marshes of the same / noz in the townes of Caleys o2 Berwyke/noz marshes of the same/but onely in suche parties and places of wales / marshes and townes afoze sayde/where moztuaries hath bene accustomed to be taken and payde. And in those parties and places no moztuaries noz co2se pzeentes / ne any other thyng for moztuarpe o2 co2se pzeent from hensforth shall be demaunded/taken/receyued/o2 had/ but onely after the forme / order / and maner aboue specified in this pzeent acte/and none other wyse / ne of any other persone o2 persones / than is lymitted by this pzeent acte/vpon the payne aboue contained in this pzeent acte. ¶ Provided also that it shall be lefull to the bysshops/of Bangour/ Landaffe/

Landasse/saynt Daupes/ and saynt Alse/ and lyke wyse to the archedeken of Chester/to take suche mortuaries of the pzeestes within their dioces and iurisdictione as here tofore haue ben accustomed. ¶ Prouyded also that in suche places where mortuaries haue ben accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is afoze sayd/that no person shall be compelled to pay in any suche place any other mortuary/oz moze for any mortuary than hath ben accustomed/ne that any mortuary in suche place shalbe demaunded/taken/receiued/oz had/of any persone oz persones exempte by this acte/ noz in any wise contrary to this acte/vpon the payne afoze lymyted.

¶ An acte agaynst seruantes imbefelynge their maysters goodes. Cap. vij.

Where before this tyme dyuers/ as well noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpon confidence & trust deliuered vnto their seruantes theyr cal kettes and other iewels/ money / goodes/ and cattels/ safely to kepe to the vse of their sayd maysters oz maistresses/and after suche deliuey the said seruantes haue withdrauen them selfe and gone away from their sayd maysters oz maistresses with the sayde cal kettes/iewels/money/ goodes/and cattels/oz parte thereof / to thentent to steale the same and defraude their sayd maysters oz maistresses therof/and some tyme beyng with theyr sayd maysters oz maystresses/ haue conuerted the sayd iewels/money/ and other cattels oz parte therof to theyr owe vse/ whiche myght behauour so done/was doubtfull in the comon lawe whether it were felony oz nat. And by reason therof/the foresaid seruantes haue ben in great boldenes to committe suche oz lyke offences. ¶ Be it therfore enacted / ozdeyned/ and established by the kyng our soueraygne lord/by the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝝall/and the comons in this present parliament assembled/ and by auctorite of the same/that all and singuler suche seruantes/to whom any suche cal kettes / iewels/money/goodes/oz cattels/by his oz theyr sayd maysters oz maistresses/shall from hencefoꝝthe so be deliuered to kepe/ that if any suche seruant oz seruantes withdraue hym oz them from theyr sayd maysters oz maistresses/and go away with the sayde cal kettes/iewels/money/goodes/ oz cattels/oz any parte thereof to the entent to steale the same/ and defraude his oz theyr sayde maysters oz maystresses therof contrary to the trust & confydence to hym oz them put by his oz their sayd maysters and maystresses/oz els beyng in the seruice of his sayde mayster oz maistresse/ without assente oz commaundement of his mayster oz maystresse/ he imbefell the same cal kettes / iewels / money / goodes/oz cattels/oz any parte thereof/ oz otherwyse conuerte the same to his owne vse / with lyke purpose to steale hit /that if the sayde cal kettes / iewels / money/ goodes/oz cattels/that any suche seruant shal so go away with/oz which he shall imbefell with purpose to steale hit as is afoze sayde/ be of the value of. xl. s.

¶ B.iii.

oz aboue/

or above / That than the same false fraudulent and untrue acte and demeanour from henceforth shall be demed and aduinged felony. And he or they so offendynge to be punysshed as other felons be punysshed for felonyes commytted by the course of the common lawe.

Wounded alway that this acte or any thyng herein contayned / shall nat any wyse extende or be prejudiciall to any apprentice or apprentices / nor to any pson within the age of .xviij. yeres / goyng away with his or their masters goodes / or iewels / or other wyse conuertynge the same to his or theyr owne vles / durynge the tyme of theyr apprentyshede / or beyng within the same age of .xviij. yeres / but that every apprentice or apprentices / suche person or persones / beyng within the sayde age / doynge or offendynge contrary to this present acte / shal be and stande in like case as they and every of them were before the makynge of this acte. The same acte to contynue and endure vnto the nexte parlyament.

An acte agaynst kyllynge of Calues. Cap. viij.



Has moche as of olde tyme great multytude of cattell was verely increased by weynnge / byngynge vp / and rearynge of calues through out this realme / whereby the nombze of oxen / kyen / and steres / were in suche abundance and plenty / that befe and all other vytell was than good cheape / and solde to the kynges subiectes at reasonable peny worthes and pryces / vntyll now of late yeres passed that the breders of suche calues of their couetous myndes / haue vled to sell their calues yonge suckynge to bochers / waynyng / rearyng and bringynge vp fewe or none / wherby the encrease of olde cattell : & also the encrease that shuld or might haue comen or growen of the same / is maruelously mynished and decreased / in suche wyse that great derthe of cattell and other vytell hath and doth daily spynge / growe / continue / and arysle / throughe out this realme / nat onely to the great enhaunsynge of the pryces of beffes and all maner vyttable / but also to the great mynyslyng and enpayrynge of good hospitalite / and extreme vndoynge of the kynges poore and nedy subiectes within the same / whiche inconuenience and great scarcitye is lyke to ensue and encrease more and more / if spedye remedy be nat prouyded in that behalfe.

We hit therfore ordeined and enacted by the kyng our sonerapgne lord the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the comons in this present parlyament assembled / and by the auctorite of the same / that no maner persone or psones beinge bouchers or other inhabytynge within this realme / wales / or the marche of the same / shall from the fyrst daye of January nexte comynge / durynge thre holle yeres than nexte folowynge / kille or cause to be kyllled any maner yonge suckynge calfe or calues to be solde or put to sale to any persone or persones / holle or by retayle / whiche calfe or calues so hereafter

hereafter to be kylled shall happen to falle oꝛ to be calued betwene the sayde fyrst day of January/and the fyrst day of May/in any of the sayd.iii.holle yeres/vpon payne of. vi. s. viii. d. foꝛ every calfe fallen oꝛ calued betwene the sayde dayes/and kylled and put to sale contrary to this acte/to be kayed and foꝛfeited by every suche boucher oꝛ bouchers/whiche shal kille oꝛ cause to be kylled and put to sale any suche calfe oꝛ calves so fallynge / and to be calued betwene the sayd fyrste daye of Januarye / and the sayde fyrste daye of Maye duryng the sayde thre yeres. The one halfe of every suche foꝛfeiture to be to the vse of our souerayne loꝛde the kyng/ and the other halfe to the party that wyl sue foꝛ the same by byll / action of Det/oꝛ information in any of the kynges courtes / wherein no wager of lawe/essoyn / noꝛ protection shall be allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that every loꝛde marcher haue the foꝛfaites / pfites/ and aduantages onely of every suche offender & offenders agaynst the purueinge of this acte within their seignozies / liberties / & franchises royall.

¶ The acte lunnityng the pꝛice of hattes and cappes brought from beyonde the see. Cap. ix.



He kyng our soueraine loꝛde by the assent of the loꝛdes spiritual and tempoꝛall / and the commons in this pꝛesent pliaiment assembled/and by the auctozitie of the same/hath ordeyned / establyshed/and enacted / foꝛ the comon welthe of the subiectes of this his realme / that no maner persone noꝛ persones / what so ever he oꝛ they be/from the feest of the Purificacion of our lady nexte comynge/ do sell oꝛ cause to be solde within this realme to any person oꝛ persones/any wollen hattes oꝛ bonettes/oꝛ wollen hatte/oꝛ cappe / made oꝛ to be made in any place oꝛ places out of this realme of Englande/in any of the parties of beyonde the see / ouer oꝛ aboue the pꝛices vnder wꝛitten / that is to say no suche cappe oꝛ bonette to be solde aboue the somme of.ii.s.sterlynge/and no suche hatte to be solde aboue the somme of.x.d.and no suche single crowned cappe / noꝛ sengl nyghte cappe to be solde aboue the somme of.vi.d. vpon payne to foꝛfeite foꝛ every suche bonette / cappe/ oꝛ hatte/at any tyme after the sayd feest/to be solde ouer the pꝛice aboue saide contrary to the tenour of this acte.xl.s.sterlynge/ all whiche foꝛfeiture shall extende onely to the losse of the seller oꝛ sellers therof/and to none other/the one halfe therof to be leuied and recouered to the vse of our said soueraine loꝛde/and the other halfe to the ptie that wyl sue foꝛ the same in any of our soueraine loꝛde the kynges courtes by action of dette/byll/information/oꝛ other wise/in whiche action oꝛ sute no protection/wager of lawe/noꝛ esson / shalbe allowed oꝛ admitted.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozite aboue sayde/ that every person oꝛ persons/byenge oꝛ wearyng any suche bonette/cappe/oꝛ hatte/made out of this realme/may laufully at all tymes hereafter/vse/weare/and detayne any

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any suche bonette/cappe/oz hatte/cappes/oz hattes/without leasure of the same oz any daunger / losse / oz other forfayture/ oz penaltie/to be hadde oz suffered for the same. Any matter / clause / oz other thyng contayned oz expressed in this present acte oz actes here to fore made to the contrarye nat withstan dunge.

An acte agaynst carpyenge out of brasse/laten/and copper. Cap. r.

HO as moche as there is no myne of metall of copper / within this realme of Englande founde nor hadde / where sufficient copper may be gethered for the vse of the kynge our souerayne lord/ and for the people of this his realme / & also for as moche as dyuers mynes of copper in the parties of beyonde the see/ be nowe lately mynyshed and decayed/ by reason wherof the price of copper is greatly risen/as wel in the pties of beyonde the see/as in this realme/of the whiche copper dyuers metals myxed be made/as well laten / of the whiche the founders make diuers vesselles/instrumētes/& other necessary thynges/ as also panne metall/brasse metall / gonne metall / and belle metall / made and wrought by dyuers artificers within this realme / whiche be nowe also at a great price / and also where dyuers within this realme of late haue carpyed and conueyed / and daylye vse to carpe and conueye in to the parties of beyonde the see/moche laten/brasse/and suche metall myxed/as well in olde panne metall/and broken vesselles and instrumentes / as in metall shroffe/ and other thynges / nat onely to the great hurte of our souerayne lord the kynge/in lackynge metall to make and furnishe his ordynance/but also to the great hurte and decaye of all suche artificers / whiche vse to worke any suche metall/ & to the hurte of all the kynges lyege people/nat withstādyng that a redressse was cōmuned of by the kynge our souerayne lord / and the lordes of his honorable counsaile in Ester terme laste paste / sythen whiche tyme moche of the sayde metall hath bene conuayed.

Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament/that no persone oz persones/from hensforth do conuey oz carpe any suche metall/ whether it be clene oz myxed/to any porte/hauen/place/oz creke/of this his realme/in any shyppe/bessell/oz bote/to be carpyed oz conueyed in to any pte beyonde the see/ vpon payne of forfayture of all the sayde metall / in whose handes so euer they be founde/oz the value of the same/the one moyte of the sayde forfayture to be to our souerayne lord the kyng/and the other moyte to the vse of hym that shall take oz fynde the same forfayture. This acte to contynue vnto the nexte parlyament.

An acte for restitution of goodes felonously stolen. Cap. xi.

Be it



It enacted by this present parliament/ that if any felon or felons hereafter do robbe or take away any money/ goodes/ or cattels/ from any of the kynges subiectes from theyr persone or other wyse within this realme: and therof the sayde felon or felons be indited/ and after arrayned of the same felony/ and founde gylty therof/ or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the partie so robbed or owner/ of the sayd money/ goodes/ or cattels/ or by any other by theyr procurement/ that than the partie so robbed or owner shall be restored to his sayd money/ goodes/ & cattels/ and that as well the iustices of gaole deliuer as other iustices/ afoze whom any suche felon or felons shalbe founde gylty/ or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the party so robbed/ or owner/ or by any other by their procurement/ haue power by this present acte to awarde from tyme to tyme wyttes of restitution for the said money/ goodes/ and cattels/ in lyke maner as though any suche felon or felons were attaynted at the sute of the party in appele.

An acte for true makynge of cables/ halsters/ and ropes. Cap. xij.



Wste humble besechen your highnes/ the baylyffes/ burgeses/ and other the inhabytautes of your towne and borough of Burpote within your countie of Dorsete/ that where they out of tyme that no mans mynde is to the contrary/ haue used/ and exercysed to make within the same/ the mooste parte of all the great cables/ halsters/ ropes/ and all other takelyng/ as well for your royall shippes and nauy/ as for the moost parte of all other shippes within this realme/ by reason wherof your sayde towne was ryghte well maynteyned and inhabytet/ your hyghnes and your subiectes ryght well serued/ vntyll now of late many dyuers and euill disposed persones entendinge the destruction of your sayde towne for theyr pryuate lucre and aduantage/ haue withdrauen them selfe in to the countrey in dyuers places/ there takynng fermes/ and blyngge husbandye out of the sayd towne/ and also daily resozte to your sayde towne to bye and prouyde hempe/ and thereof make cables/ ropes/ halsters/ traces/ halsters/ and other tacle/ which cables/ ropes/ halsters/ traces/ halsters/ and other tacle/ bene by the sayd persones slepyghtly and deceyuably made/ by reason wherof nat only the byers of the same ben continually therby deceyued/ but also the prices of the said cables/ halsters/ traces/ halsters/ and other tacle thereby greatly inhaunsed/ and your sayde towne or borough by meane therof is lyke vtterly to be decayed/ ruyned/ & dissolated/ if spedye remedy be nat by your hyghnes in that case prouyde. Be it therfore enacted by your hyghnesse/ by the lordes spirituall and tempozall/ and the commons in this present parliament assembled/ and by the auctoritie of the same/ That no maner persone or person dwelling or inhabitinge within the distaunce of fyue myles from the sayde towne or borough

borough of Burpote/ shall from henceforth the sell or cause to be solde out of the market/ holden and to be holden/ within the same towne or borough of Burpote/ to any persone or persones / any hempe whiche shall happen to growe within the sayde fyue myles in dystaunce from the sayde towne or borough/ vpon payne of forsaiture of the sayde hempe so solde / or to be solde in any place or places within the dystaunce of the sayde fyue myles out of the sayde towne/ borough/ or marktette/ contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoryte aboue sayde / that no persone nor persones/ other than suche as shall dwell and be inhabytauntes within the sayde towne/ shall make after the feaste of Ester next commynge out of the sayde towne any cables / halsters / ropes / traces / halters / or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within the sayde distance of fyue myles from the sayde towne/ vpon payne of forsaiture of the sayde cables/ halsters/ ropes/ traces/ halters/ and other tacle/ made and to be made contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute/ the one halfe of euerye suche forsaiture/ as well of the hempe so solde or to be solde out of the sayd towne/ borough/ & market / contrary to the forme aforesayd/ as also the laide cables/ halsters/ ropes/ traces/ halters/ and other tacle made out of the sayd towne contrary to this estatute/ to be to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kynge/ and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same / by action of Dette/ byll / or information/ wherein neyther wager of lawe / essoine/ nor protection shall be allowed.

¶ Provided alwayes that .xx. poundes weight shalbe accepted to the stone.

¶ Provided also that euery persone dwellinge within the sayde dystaunce may make cables/ halsters/ ropes/ traces / halters/ and other tacle for theyr owne vse and occupations/ but in no wyle agaynst this acte. This acte to endure vnto the next parlyament.

¶ An acte agaynst pluralities of benefices/ for takyng of fermes by spirituall men/ and for resydence. Cap. xxiij.



But the more quyte and vertuous increase and mayntenaunce of diuine seruyce/ the preachynge and teachynge the worde of god/ with godly & good example gyuyng / the better discharge of curates/ the maintenaunce of hospitalite/ the reliefe of pooze people/ the encrease of deuotion/ and good opinion of the laye see towarde the spirituall persones : Be it enacted/ ordained/ and established/ by the kynge our soueraygne lord with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall/ and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled/ And by auctoryte of the same/ that no spirituall person / secular or regular/ of what degree so euer he or they be/ shall from henceforth take to ferme to hym

hym selfe or to any persone or persones to his vse/ of the lease or graunt of the kyng our soueraygne lord/ nor of any other persone or persones / by letters patentes/ endentures/ wrytynges/ by worde or otherwyle / by any maner of meanes/ any maners/landes/tenementes/ or other hereditametes for terme of lyfe/ for terme of yeres/ or at wyll/ upon payne to forsayte. x. pounce for every moneth that he or any other to his vse shall occupie any suche ferme by reason of any suche lease or graunt hereafter to be made.

The one halfe of whiche forsayture to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord/ And the other halfe therof to euerye suche person as wyll sue for the same / by originall wrytte/ byll/ or playnt of Dette/ or by any information in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche action and sute no wager of lawe shalbe admitted for the defendaunt/ nor any essoin or protection allowed.

And be it also enacted by y^e auctorite afoze said/ that all & euerye suche spirituall pson or psons/ whiche now haue or occupie in ferme by them selfe or by any other to theyr vse/ any maners /landes /tenementes / or hereditamentes/ of the lesse/ or graunte of the kyng our soueraygne lord/ or any other persone or persones/ for terme of lyfe/ or for yeres / or at wyll / by any wryting or otherwise/ or that now haue any annuell retes/ or other annuel aduauntage or profite / by occasion or colour of any suche lesse or ferme/ shall clerely bargayne/ sell/ gyue/ or graunt away on this lyde the feaste of saynt Myghell the archaungell nexte commynge to any suche laye persone or persones as they wyll at theyr owne nominations and appoyntment/ all suche lesse/terme/ interest/ & profite/ as any such spirituall pson or any other to his vse now hath or haue/ in/ or by reason of any suche ferme : so that in no wyle any suche spirituall pson or psons at any tyme after y^e same feest/ by the selfe or any other to theyr vse/ by any maner of meanes/ fraude/ or male engyne/ shal haue/ vse/ or occupie in ferme any maners/landes/tenementes/ or hereditamentes/ of the demyse/ lesse/ or graunt of any pson or psons/ heretofore made/ or hereafter to be made/ to the selfe or to any other to their vles : nor from the sayd feast shall take any annuell rete or other annuell aduauntage or profite/ by occasion or colour of any suche lesse or ferme by any maner of meanes/ upon paine to forsayte for every moneth so occupieng any suche ferme/ at any tyme after the sayd feast contrary to this present acte. x. li. And upon payne to forsayte tenne tymes as moche as any suche spirituall person or any to his vse/ shall take in any annuell rent/ aduauntage or profite/ by occasion or colour of any suche lesse at any tyme after the sayd feest. The one halfe of whiche forsaytures to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord/ and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by originall wrytte/ byll/ or playnt of Dette/ or by information in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche action and sute no wager of lawe shall be admitted for the defendaunt/ nor any essoin or protection allowed.

And be it also enacted that all suche lesles made/ or hereafter to be made/ vnto any suche spirituall persone or persones or to any other to their vse / for terme

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for terme of lyfe/terme of yeres / or at wyll / of any maners/ landes/ tenements/ or hereditamentes / wherof. they or any of them shall take any profite/ or medlynge by them selfe/ or by any to theyr vse after the saide feast of saynt Myghell by colour of any suche lesse or graunt/ and nat by them bargayned/ graunted/ and solde away befoze the sayd feast/ as is befoze limyted/ shall from thensefozthe be vtterly voyde and of none effecte / as well agaynst the lessour or lessours / grauntour and grauntours/ theyr heires and assignes/ and agaynst euerye of them/ as agaynst the lessee or lessees / and theyr executours and assignes/ and euery of them.

Conpounded alway that this present acte shall nat extende to any spiritual persone or persones / in / and for takynge to ferme any temporalities duringe the tyme of vacations/ of any archebysshopps/ bysshopps/ abbeyes/ priores/ or other collegiall / cathedrall / or conuentuall churches/ nor to any spirituall persone or persones/ that shall tende or make any trauerses vpon any offices or office concernyng his or their free holde.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde/ that no spirituall person or persons / secular or regular of what estate or degree so euer they be / shall from hensefozth by hym selfe/ nor by any other/ for hym nor to his vse/ bargaine and bye to sell agayne for any lucre/ gayne/ or profite/ in any markettes/ faires/ or other places/ any maner of cattelles/ cornes/ leade/ tynne/ hydes/ lether/ tallowe/ fyssh/ wolles/ wodde/ or any maner of byttayle/ or marchaundyse/ what kynde so euer they be of / vpon payne to forsayte treble the value of euery thyng by them or by any to theyr vse bargayned and bought to sell agayne contrary to this present acte. And that euery suche bargayne and contracte hereafter to be made by them/ or by any to theyr vse contrary to this acte/ shall be vtterly voyd and of none effecte. And the one halfe of euerye suche forseynture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord/ and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by originall wytte of Dette/ byll/ playnt/ or information/ in any of the kinges courtes. In whiche action or sute no wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admytted/ nor any essoyne nor protection allowed.

Conpounded alwaye/ that if any suche spirituall persone or persones/ shall happen hereafter without fraude or couyn to bye any horses / mares / or mewles/ to the onely intent to occupye for hym selfe or his seruantes / to ryde to and fro/ vpon his necessarye busines / or any other cattels or goodis/ to the onely intent and purpose at the byenge thereof to be imployed and put/ in/ and about his necessarye apparell of his owne house or of his persone and seruantes/ or in/ for/ and about the onely occuppyng/ manuryng/ or tyllage of his owne glebe or demeane landes annexed to his churche / or for the necessarye expences of his owne householde keepynge. And after the byeng of any suche horses/ cattels/ or goodes/ or exercyse of them or any of them happeneth to myslike any of them that they shulde nat be good / profitable/ nor conuenient for any of the purposes aboue sayd / for the whiche they

they were bought / That than every suche spirituall person or persons may lawfully bargaine and put away suche thynges so by hym bought / without fraude or couyn for any of the purposes aboue sayd at his pleasure & aduantage. This acte or any thyng therein contayned nat withstandyng.

¶ And ordeined alway that all abbottes / priores / abbes / prioresses / priouers / presidentes / maysters of colleges and hospitalles / and all other spirituall gouernours and gouernesses / of any spirituall monasteries or houses of religion / by what name or names so euer they be called / hauyng maners / landes / & tenementes / hereditametes / and other yerely profites / in the right of their monasteries or houses / of the yerely value of. viii. C. markes or vnder / & nat aboue / may use and occupy as moche and as many of theyr demeane landes / fee fermes / and fermes to theyr mooste aduantage / commoditye / and profyte / to and for the onely mayntenaunce of theyr householdes / and hospitalities / in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or theyr predecessours / or the predecessours of any of them / at any tyme by the space of one. C. yeres last past / before the makynge of this acte haue done / used / and occupied / Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary nat withstandyng.

¶ And ordeined also that euerye other spirituall persone and persones nat hauyng sufficient glebe / or demeane landes in theyr owne handes / in the ryghte of theyr churches / monasteries / and houses for pasturage of cattels / or for increase of cornes / to and for the onely expenses of theyr householdes / or for the carriages and iourneys / may take in ferme other landes and bye and sell corne and cattell for the only manuraunce / tyllage / and pasturage of suche fermes / so that the increase there of be alwayes employed and putte to / and for the onely expenses in theyr householdes and hospitalities / And nat in any wyse to bye and selle agayne / for any other commoditye / lucre / or aduantage any corne or cattell / renewynge / comynge / or growynge / in and vpon any suche ferme or otherwyse / but onely the remayne and ouerplus aboue theyr expenses of theyr householdes / if any suche shall happen of the breed and increase thereof / without fraude or couyn / Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary hereto nat withstandyng.

¶ And be hit enacted by the auctorite aforesayde / that if any persone or persones hauyng one benefyce with cure of soule / beyng of the yerely value of. viii. ponde or aboue / accepte and take any other with cure of soule / and be instituted & enducted in possession of the same / that than and immediately after suche possession hadde thereof / the fyrste benefyce shall be adiudged in the lawe to be voyde. And that hit shall be lafull to euerye patron hauyng the auouson thereof to present an other / and the presentee / to haue the benefyte of the same / in suche lyke maner and fourme as though the incumbent hadde dyed or resygned / any lycence / vnyon / or other dispensation to the contrarye hereof opteyned nat withstandyng.

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And that euery suche lycence/ vnyon/ oꝛ dispensation had/ oꝛ hereafter to be opteyned contrary to this pꝛesent acte/ of what name oꝛ names/ qualitie oꝛ qualities so euer they be/ shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And if any persone oꝛ persones at any tyme after the fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. x. xxx. contrary to this pꝛesent acte/ procure and optayne at the court of Rome/ oꝛ els where/ any licence oꝛ lycences/ vnyon/ tolleracion/ oꝛ dispensation/ to receyue and take any nioo benefices with cure/ than is aboue lymitted/ oꝛ els at any tyme after the sayde daye put in execution any suche licence/ tolleracion/ oꝛ dispensation/ befoꝛe that opteyned contrary to this acte/ that than euery suche persone oꝛ persones so after the sayde daye supnge foꝛ hym selfe/ oꝛ receyvinge and takinge suche benefice by foꝛce of suche lycence oꝛ lycences/ vnyon/ tolleracion/ oꝛ dispensation/ that is to say/ the same persone oꝛ persons only and none other/ shall foꝛ euerye suche defaute incurte the daunger/ payne/ and penaltie of. xx. li. sterlynges. And also lose the holle pꝛofytes of euery suche benefice oꝛ benefices/ as he receyueth oꝛ taketh by foꝛce of any suche lycence oꝛ lycences/ vnyon/ tolleracion/ oꝛ dispensation. The one halfe of whiche foꝛfayture to be to the kyng our souerayne lord/ & the other halfe therof to hym that wyl sue foꝛ the same by originall wytte/ byll/ playnt of dette/ oꝛ information in any of the kynges courtes/ in whiche action and sute no wager of lawe/ essoyne/ oꝛ pꝛotectiō/ foꝛ the defendaunt shall be admytted oꝛ allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes/ that this acte concernynge the nat kepynge of mo benefices with cure of soule than one/ extende ne be pꝛejudiciall to any persone oꝛ persons/ whiche at any tyme befoꝛe the sayde fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. and. xxx. shall be really intytled oꝛ possessed of any suche benefices with cure of soule/ as concernynge oꝛ touchynge any of the same benefices/ whereof they shall than be all redye really intytled oꝛ possessed befoꝛe the sayde daye/ to oꝛ vnder the nōmbꝛe of. iiii. and nat aboue/ & if any suche spirituall persone oꝛ persons so beynge entytled oꝛ possessed of mo benefices with cure of soule than. iiii. do nat by the sayde fyrst day of Apryll clerely and without yerely pension/ resygne oꝛ otherwyle gyue by all and euery suche benefices and benefice as he shall be so entytled and possessed of/ aboue the said nōmbꝛe/ that than hit shall be lefull foꝛ euery patron haupnge the auouson of any suche benefice ouer the the nōmbꝛe aforesayde to pꝛesent an other/ and the pꝛesenter to haue the benefite of the same in lyke maner and fourme/ as though it had be voyde by deathe oꝛ resygnacyon of the incombent/ any lycence/ vnyon/ oꝛ other dispensation to the contrary hereof optayned nat withstandynge. And this clause of pꝛesentation to be taken and vnderstanden/ in and of suche benefices with cure of soule/ as were gyuen to any suche spirituall person after the sayd nōmbꝛe of. iiii. benefices with cure furnished and fulfilled.

¶ Prouyded also that all spirituall men now beynge/ oꝛ whiche here after shall be of the kynges counsaile/ may purchase lycence oꝛ dispensation/ and take/

take/receyue/and kepe thre parſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule/and that all other beinge the kynges chaplaynes/ and nat ſwozne of his counſaile/the chaplaines of the quene/prince/oꝛ pꝛinceſſe/ oꝛ of any the kynges children/bꝛetherne/ſyſters/ vnclen/oꝛ aunteſ/may ſemblably purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation and receyue and kepe two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule / and in lyke wyſe that euery archebyſſhoppe and duke may haue. vi. chapleines/wherof euery one ſhall and may purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation/and take/receyue/and kepe two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule/ And that euery marques and erle may haue fyue chapleynes/wherof euery one may purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation / and take/receyue/and kepe two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule. And that euery biſcount and other byſſhoppe/ may haue foure chapleynes / wherof euery one may purchace lycence/and receiue/haue/ and kepe. ii. perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule/as is afore ſayd. And that the Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the tyme beinge/ and euery baron and knyght of the garter/may haue thre chapleyns/wherof euery one ſhall now purchace licence oꝛ diſpenſation / and receyue/ haue/ and kepe/two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule. And that euery duches / marques/counteſſe / and baroneſſe/ beinge wydowes maye haue. ii. chapleynes / wherof euery one of them may purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation to receyue/haue/and kepe.ii. benefices with cure of ſoule/And that the treaſoꝛer & comptroller of the kynges houſe/the kynges ſecretary / & deane of his chapell/the kynges ammer/ and the maſter of the rolles/may haue euery of them two chaplaynes/and the chiefe Juſtice of the kynges benche one chapleyn / and the warden of the fyue portes foꝛ the tyme beyng / one chapleyn/ wherof euery one may purchace lycence and receyue/ haue/and kepe/ two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule. And that the bꝛetherne and ſonnes of all tempoꝛall lordes/whiche are boꝛne in wedlocke/may euery of them purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation/and receyue/haue/and kepe as many perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure/as the chaplaynes of a duke oꝛ an archebyſſhoppe. And lyke wyſe the bꝛetherne and ſonnes boꝛne in wedlocke of euery knyght/ may euery of them purchace lycence oꝛ diſpenſation / and receyue/ take / and kepe/ two perſonages oꝛ benefices with cure of ſoule.

CProvyded alwayes that the ſayde chaplaynes ſo purchaſynge/takynge/ receiuyng/and keepynge benefices with cure of ſoule as is aforeſayd/ ſhall be bounde to haue and exhibyte where nede ſhalbe/ letters vnder the ſigne and ſeale of the kyng oꝛ other their lord and maſter teſtifieng whole chaplains they be/and elles nat to enioye any ſuche pluralityte of benefices by ſuche chaplayne. Any thyng in this acte nat withſtandynge. **C**Be it alſo prouyded that all doctours and bachelers of diuinite/ doctours of lawe/and bachelers of lawe canon/and euery of them / whiche ſhall be admytted to any the ſayde degrees/by any of the vniuerſities of this realme/ and nat by grace onely/may purchace licence/and take/haue/ and kepe. ij. perſonages

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or benefices with cure of soule/so that always the said lyberte by any of the pꝛouisions before sayd gyuen to any of the said counsaillours/ chapleyns/ and other persones before specified to purchase lycence or dispensation/ and take/receyue / and kepe moo benefices than one / after the maner and fourme aforesayde/ be taken and vnderstanden to extende in nombꝛe to no mo benefices with cure of soule/ than is aboue lymitted / Accomptynge in the same & as pcell therof/ suche benefices with cure of soule as any of the sayde persons shall haue in reall tyle/or in theyꝝ possession/at the saide first day of Apryll/in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. v. C. and. xxx.

Empoynded also that euery archebysshoppe / bycause he muste occupie viij. chapleyns at consecrations of bysshoppes. And euery bysshoppe/ bycause he must occupie. ii. chapleyns at groupynge of orders and consecration of churches / maye euery of them haue. ii. chapleyns ouer and aboue the nombꝛe aboue lymitted vnto them/ whereof euerye one maye purchase lycence or dispensation/ and take/receyue / & kepe as many psonages and benefices with cure of soule/as is before assygned to suche chapleyns.

Empoynded also / and be hit enacted by auctozytie afoze sayde / that no person or persones/to whom any nombꝛe of chapleyns or any chapleyn/ by any of the pꝛouisions aforesayd is lymitted/ shall in any wyse by colour of anye of the same pꝛouysions / auauce any spyrituall persone or persones / aboue the nombꝛe to them appoynted / to receyue or kepe any mo benefices with cure of soule/ than is aboue lymitted by this acte/ any thyng specified in the sayde pꝛouysions nat withstandynge/ and if they do/ than euerye suche spyrituall persone and persones / so auauced aboue the sayde nombꝛe / to incurte the payne and penaltie conteyned in this acte.

Be it also furthermoze enacted by the auctozite afoze sayde/ that as well euery spyrituall person now beynge promoted to any archedeconry/ deanty/ or dignite in any monastery or catherdꝛall churche/ or other churche conuentuall or collegyall/ or beynge beneficed with any personage or bycarage/ as all and euery spyrituall persone and persons/ whiche hereafter shall be promoted to any of the sayde dignities / or beneficed with any parsonage or bycarage from the feast of saynt Myghell the archaungell nexte comynge/ shall be personallye resydent and abydyng in / at / and vpon his sayde dignitie/ pꝛebende/ or benefice/ or at one of them at the lest. And in case anye suche spyrituall pson at any tyme after the sayd feest/ kepe nat residece at one of his sayde dignities/ pꝛebende/ or benefices/ as is aforesayde / but absent hym selfe wylfully by the space of one moneth togydꝛ / or by the space of two monthes to be accompted at leuerall tymes in any one yere/ and make his resydence and abydyng in any other places by suche tyme / that than he shall forfeyte for euerye suche defaute. x. li. sterlyng. The one halfe therof to the kynge our soueraygne loꝛde / and the other halfe of the same to the partye that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by oppynall writte of dette/ byll/ playnt/ or informacion. In whiche action & sute the defendaunt

fendaunt shall nat wage his lawe/ nor haue any essoyn or ptection allowed.
And if any person or psons procure or obtaine at the court of Rome or els
 where/ any maner of licēce or dispensation to be none resydent at their sayd
 dignities/ prebende/ or benefyces/ contrarie to this acte/ that than euerye
 suche persone or persons puttynge in execution any suche dispensation or li-
 cence for hym selfe/ from the sayd first day of Apryll/ in the yere of our lord
 god. M. v. C. and. xxi. shall renne and incurre in the penaltie/ damage/ and
 payne of. xx. pounde sterlynge for euery tyme so doynge/ to be forfeyted and
 recouered as is aboue sayd/ and suche licence or dispensation so procured/ or
 to be put in execution/ to be voyde and of none effecte.

*Residens in Anglia
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 p[er] p[ro]p[ri]um s[er]uicium*

Prouyded alwayes that this acte of none residence/ shall nat in any wise
 extende ne be p[re]iudiciall to any suche spirituall person as shall chaunce to
 be in the kynges seruice beyonde the see/ nor to any persone or persones go-
 ynge to any pylgrimage or holy place beyonde the see/ durynge the tyme that
 they shall so be in the kynges seruyce or in theyr pylgrymages goynge and
 retournyng home/ nor to any scholer or scholers beyng conuertsaunt and a-
 bydyng for study/ without fraude or couyn/ at any vniuersite within this
 realme or without/ nor to any of the chaplaynes of the kynges or quenes/
 dayly or quarterly attendynge/ and abydyng in the kynges or quenes moost
 honozable householdes. Nor to any of the chapleins of the prynce or pry-
 nces/ or any of the kynges or quenes chyldren/ b[re]therne or systerne/ attendyng
 dayly in theyr honozable householdes/ during so longe as they shall attende
 in any of their sayd housholdes/ Nor to any chapleine of any archebysshop
 or bysshoppe/ or of any spiritual or temporall lordes of the parliment/ daily
 attendynge/ abydyng/ and remainynge/ in any of theyr honozable house-
 holdes. Nor to any chapleyn of any duches/ marques/ couñtesse/ vicouñtesse/
 or baronesse/ attendynge daily and abydyng in any theyr honozable house-
 holdes/ Nor to any chapleyn of the lord chancellor/ or tresorer of Englade/
 the kynges chaumberlayne/ or steward of his household for the tyme be-
 yng/ the tresourer/ and controller of the kynges mooste honourable house-
 holde for the tyme beyng/ attendynge daily in any theyr honozable house-
 holdes. Nor to any chaplaine of any of the knightes of the honozable order
 of the garter/ or of the chiefe Justyce of the kynges benche/ warden of the
 portes/ or also of the maister of the rolles/ Nor to any chapleyn of the kin-
 ges secretary/ and deane of the chapell/ or amner for the tyme beinge: daily
 attendynge and dwellyng in any theyr householdes/ durynge p[er] tyme that
 any suche chapleyn or chapleynes shall abyde & dwelle: without fraude or
 couyn/ in any of the sayd honozable householdes. Nor to the maister of the
 rolles or deane of the arches. Nor to any chauncellour or cōmissary of any
 archebysshoppe or bysshoppe. Nor to as many of the. xii. maysters of the
 chauncerye/ and. xii. aduocates of the arches as be / or here after shalbe spi-
 rituall men/ durynge so longe tyme as they shall occupie theyr sayd rolnes
 & offices. Nor to any suche spirituall psons as shall happen by Inunction

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of the lord Chancellor / or the kynges counsaile to be bounde to any dayly apparaunce and attendaunce to answer to the lawe durynge the tyme of suche Injunction.

E Provided also that it shall be lesfull to every spirituall persone and persones beynge chapleynes to the kyng our soueraygne lord / to whome it shall please his hyghnesse to gyve any benefycis or promotions spirituall / to what nombze so ever it be: to accepte and take the same: without incurryng the daunger/penaltie/and forfayture in this estatute comprised. And that also it shalbe lesfull to the kynges hyghnes to gyve lycence to every of his owne chapleynes for none resydence vpon theyr benefycis. Any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrary nat withstandynge.

And be it furthermoze enacted by the auctorite aforesayd / that no spirituall persone / seculer or regular benefyced with cure / as is afoze reherfed / from the feaste of saynt Myghell tharchangell nexte commynge / by auctoritie of any maner lycence/dispensation/or otherwyse/shall take any peticuler stipende or salary to lyng for any soule / nor haue or occupy by hym selfe or by any other to his vse / any personage or bytarge in ferme / of the leesse or graunt of any persone or persones / nor take any profyte or rente out of any suche ferme / vpon payne to forfeyte. xl. s. for every suche weke that he or any to his vse shall occuppe / or haue any suche stipende or ferme contrarie to this present acte. And vpon payne to lose x. tymes the value of suche profyte or rent as he shall take out of any suche ferme after the sayde feaste: The one halfe of whiche forfeytures to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord / & the other moite to hym & wyll sue for the same by originall writte / byll / playnte of Wette / or by information in any of the kynges courtes/in whiche sute and action no wager of lawe shalbe admytted for the defendand/nor any essayne or protection allowed.

E Provided alway that no deanry/archeaconry/chauncellourshyp/treasoersshyp/chauntershyp/or prebende in any cathedrall or colegiall churche / nor personage that hathe a bycat indued/nor any benefyce perpetually appropriate/be taken or comprehended vnder the name of benefyce/haunyng cure of soule in any artycle afoze specified.

E Provided also and be hit enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde / that no spirituall persone or persones regular or seculer of what estate / degree / or condition so ever he or they be / from the fyrst day of Apryll nexte commynge / haue/vse/or kepe by hym or them selfe / or by any persone or persones to his or theyr vse or commodytie / any maner of tanhouse or tanhouses / to be vsed or occupped to his or theyr owne vse / commodyte / or behoue / nor from the sayde fyrste day of Apryll nexte commynge / shall haue / vse / or kepe any maner of bryghouse or bryghouses to any other vse / intent / or behoue/ than onely to be spent and occupped in his or theyr owne houses / vpon payne to forfeyte for every moneth so vsynge and occuppenge any of the sayd millerpes or occupations. c. li. The one moite therof to the kyng our

our souerayne lord/ And the other mozte to hym that wyl sue for the same by origynall wytte/ byll / playnt of Dette / or information in any of the kynges courtes / inwhiche action and sute no wager of lawe shall be admittted for the defendand / ne any essoyne or protection allowed.

Prouyded alwayes / that euery Duches / marques / countesse / baronesse / wydowes / whiche haue taken or that here after shall take any hus bandes vnder the degree of a baton : may take suche nombze of chapleyns / as is aboue lymitted to them beinge wydowes : and that euery suche chaplayne may purchase lycence to haue and take suche nombze of benefices with cure of soule / and haue lyke lybertie of none residence in maner and fourme as they myght haue done if they sayde ladyes and maystresses had kept them selfe wydowes : Any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrarye nat withstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes / that euery spirituall person or persons / hauynge landes / tenementes / or other possessions in the tyght of theyr houses aboue the perely value of .viii. C. markes / may kepe and retayne in theyr occupation and manurance / as moche as theyr sayde landes and tenementes and other possessions as shall be necessaite and sufficient for pasturage of theyr cattelles / and for tyllage of cornes to be imployed and spent for the onely mayntenaunce / sustentation / and keepynge of his or theyr householdes and hospitalities / without fraude or couyn. Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary therof nat withstandynge.

Prouyded alway that it may be lesfull to euery spirituall person and persons to take in ferme any meses / mansyons / or dwellynge houses / hauynge but only or chardes or gardens / in any cite / borough / and towne / for their owne habitation or dwellynge / Any thyng in this acte to the contrary nat withstandynge. So that no person spirituall other than be aboue prouyded for / for theyr none residence haue any lybertie of none residence by colour of this prouiso.

**An acte concernynge linnen clothe / called
Dowlas and lockerams. Cap. xiiii.**



In a moste humble wyse sheweth vnto the kynges highnes / and to the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the comons in this present parlyament assembled / The linnen drapers inhabitauntes within the cite of London / shynge to sell linnen clothe / called dowlas and lokeram / of the commodytes wrought and made in Bzptayne / in the parties beyonde the see / that where by al the tyme / wherof mynde of man is nat to the contrary / in the tyme of the kynges most noble progenytours / all suche marchantes as well englyshe as strangers / as at any tyme brought or coueyed the sayde Dowlas and lokeram in to this realme of Englande / brought and coueyed the same in peces or halfe peces / euerpe

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euery holle pece of Dowlas / conteynynge in length. v. scoze elles of assyse / accomptynge to euery elle one ynche of assyse / and in brede one yerde of assyse / and euery halfe pece fyfte elles in lengthe / and one yerde in brede of lyke assyse. And all the holle pece and halfe pece of one goodnes in makinge / and as well euery pece of lockeram to be of lyke length / as the holle pece of Dowlas / and euery halfe pece of lockeram to be of lyke lengthe as the halfe pece of Dowlas / and euery suche holle pece and halfe pece to be in brede a holle yerde / lackynge a nayle of the yerde / and euery pece and halfe pece to be in lyke goodnes by all the lengthe of the same pece / whiche whan hit was so bled / was to the great profyte of all the kynges subiectes. And nowe of late within the space of .xx. or .xxx. yerres passed / dyuers persones for theyr owne synguler lucres / haue broughte all the sayde Dowlas and lockeram in halfe peces / whiche halfe pece lackethe in euery suche one halfe pece of the due lengthe. iiii. or. v. elles / and some moze and some lesse / besyde the brede of assyse and accustomed / to the great and extreme hurte of the kynges pooze subiectes / occuppers / byers and sellers of the same. It may therfore please your highnes / with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the commons in this present parlyament assembled / And by auctoritie of the same / to enacte and establishe / that no persone or persones / englyshe / nor straunger / denyyn nor alpen / from or after the feest of saynt Myghell the archaungell nexte commynge / shall bynge or conueye / or cause to be broughte or conueyed / by any maner of meanes in to this realme of Englande / any of the sayde linnen clothe / called Dowlas or lockerams / so to be broughte or conueyed in to this realme / nat conteynynge the full lengthes / bredes / goodnes / and in assyses / as is afoze sayd / and as here to fore in old tymes hath bene accustomed and bled / vnder payne of forfayture of the same Dowlas and lockeram / so to be broughte or conueyed in to this realme / nat conteynynge the full lengthe / brede / goodnes / and assyse / or the value therof / the one halfe to the kyng / our soveraygne lord / the other halfe of the sayde forfayture / to hym or them that shall take or sease the same / or sue for the same / by action / or information / byll or other wyse. In whiche actions / lutes / or information / no wages of laue or essopne shall be admptted.

CAn acte that all termers may inioye theyr lesles agaynste recouerees had by fayned tytles / and falsifie the same recouerees. Cap. xv.

Where afoze this tyme dyuers persones haue made lesles of theyr manours / landes / tenementes / and other heredytamentes / some tyme by theyr endentures / and some tyme without wrytynges to other persones for terme of yerres / takynge of them greatte synes for the incommes of the same lesles / and after the same lessours / theyr heyres or assyngnes / haue caused

caused and suffred recoverees to be had agaynst them in the courtte of our soueraygne lord the kyng / and in other lordes courttes / vpon feyned and vntrewe tytles / by crafte and couyn to put the sayde termers from theyr sayde termes. And after suche recoverees had / the same recoverers / by reason of suche recoverees and iudgementes / haue entred in to the same manours / landes / tenementes / and other hereditamentes / so to setme letten / and therof haue expelled the sayde termers / contrarie to theyr saide leesses / couenautes / and agrementes. And bycause hit was doubted to some persones / whyther the sayde termers myght falsesye suche recoverees or nat.

Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord / by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the comons in this present parlyament assembled / and by the auctoritie of the same / that all suche termers shall and may falsesye for his terme onely / suche recoverees / as well here tofore had / as here after to be had / in suche wyse and fourme as a tenaunt of a free holde / shall and may do by the course of the comon lawe / where suche tenaunt of free holde was neyther pzeuy nor partye to the same recouerye / And that the same termers / theyr executours and assyignes / nat withstandinge suche recoverees so had / shall retayne / holde / and enioye theyr sayde termes / accoꝝdyng to theyr sayde leesses agaynst all suche recoverees / theyr heyes and assyignes / after suche recouerye so had / shall haue lyke remedye agaynst the sayde termers / theyr executours and assignes / by auowrye or action of dette for the rentes and seruyces reserued vpon the same leesses beinge delue after the same recoverees / and also lyke actions agaynst them for wast done / after the same recoverees so had / in like maner & fourme as the sayde lessours shulde or myghte haue had / if the same recoverees had neuer be had. And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid / that no manner of statute of the Staple / statute marchant / nor execution by elegit / be here after auoyded / or in any wyse made frustrate / by meanes of any suche feyned recouerye / but that all persones hauinge any landes / tenementes / or other hereditamentes / in execution / or beinge intyted to haue execution of any manours / landes / or tenementes / by any suche meanes / shall haue by force of this estatute lyke remedye to auoyde and falsesye the same recoverees / as before is ordeyned and prouyded / for the lesse for terme of yeres.

An acte concernyng artificers strangers. Cap. xvi.



PRayn the comons in this present parlyament assembled / that where in the. xij. day of february / in the. xx. yere of the reigne of our moste moſte gracious ſouerayne lord the kyng Henry the. viij. by our ſayde ſouerayne lord the kyng / his moſte honorable counſayle in his ſterre chambze at weſtmynſtre / for the common welthe of his naturall ſubiectes borne within this his realme / by great and delibérate aduys / it was demed / adiuged / and decreed / that no ſtranger

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straunger artificer/bozne out of our sayde souerayne lord his obeysaunce/ inhabiting within any citie / borough / or any other place within this his realme of Englaunde / from henceforth shulde kepe in his or their house or houses any maner strangers seruantes / bozne out of his obeysaunce / but onely .ii. seruantes strangers and no mo at one tyme. And also all and singular straungers / that than were / or after the makinge of the sayd decree shulde be made denizens / that at the tyme or after the makinge thereof / wolde inhabite within the citie of London / subbarbes / or within .ii. myles compasse of the same / and kepe or wolde kepe houses / or occupie theyr crafte / shulde be contributaries to and with our sayde soueraygne lord his subiectes artificers within the sayde citie of London / payng / bearyng / and susteyninge suche charges / as here after shall be expessed / that is to saye / that all other straungers artificers denizens or no denizens / of euery handye crafte or mysterie / inhabitinge as well within the citie of London / as in any other citie / towne / borough / or village / within this his realme / shuld pay / beare / & susteyne all suche and lyke charges / as our said souerayne lord his subiectes of lyke crafte & mysterie do alwayes vse to pay.

¶ And if any of them refused or denyed the same or any parte thereof / than he or they so denyenge or refusynge so to do / shulde nat any longer occupie any handye crafte / vpon the paynes / damages / and pavelles / specified as well in the actes or statutes made in the .xiii. and .xv. yeres of the reigne of our now soueraigne lord / as in one estatute made in the fyfthe yere of the reigne of kynge Richard the .iii. And that the same straungers / denizens or no denizens householders / whiche wolde remayne and abyde within our sayde souerayne lord his realme / shulde vpon lawfull warninge to them gyuen / by the mayster and wardens of dyuers and sondry mysteries / mencioned and specified in the sayde decree within the sayde cities and townes / presente them selfe in the common halle / or meetynge place of the sayde craftes / and there to receyue and take theyr othe / and be sworn vpon the holy Euangelyst before the mayster and wardens of theyr sayde crafte / to be faythfull and trewe to the kynge our soueraygne lord / and his heires / kynges of Englaunde / and to be obedyent to hym and them / and his and theyr lawes.

¶ Also that no straunger artificer or handye craftes man bozne out of our sayde soueraygne lord his obeysaunce / nat beyng denizen / whiche was nat a householder / the .xv. daye of februarye aboue sayde / shulde nat sette vpp ne kepe any house / shoppe / shoppes / or chaumbre / wherein they shulde exercise or occupie any handye crafte or mysterie within this our sayde soueraygne lord his realme / vpon payne to incurre and renne in to suche penalties as be conteyned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted / as is afore sayde. And that none of the sayde straungers artysfycers or handye craftes menne bozne oute of our sayde souerayne lord his obeysaunce / as well denizens as no denizens / shulde assemble

assemble in any compaigne / selyshyppe / congregation / or conuenticle / but onely in the common halle of theyr craftes with our sayde souerayne lord his subiectes / whiche be of the compaignes of theyr sayde crafte or craftes / at suche tyme as they shulde be commaunded and warned by the sayde master and wardens of theyr sayde crafte or craftes / and at none other place and tyme / or in any other maner / vpon the payne afoze expessed / as by the sayde decree shewed and exemplified / and here vnto annexed / vnder our sayde souerayne lord the kynge his great seale / more playnelye and at large hit maye and doth appere: That for the common welthe aboue sayde / it may be enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord / the lordes spirituall and tempozall / and the commons in this present parliament assembled / and by the auctoritie of the same / that the sayde order and decree / had / gyven / and made / by our sayde souerayne lord the kynge / his mooste honorable counsaile / and all and euery thyng therein contayned / specified and declared / be holden and obserued firme and stable / and duely to be put in execution in euery point and article / in maner and fourme as is aboue reherced / accor dyng to the purpozte / effecte / and trewe meanyng of the same.

¶ Be it further more enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde / that the acte made in the parliament begonne at London the.xv.daye of Apryll / in the xiiii.yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge that now is / and from London adiourned to westmyster the laste day of July / in the xv.yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord / concernynge straungers artificers / for takynge of apprentyses / iourney men / and couenaunt seruauntes / and euery article and prouysions conteyned in the same acte / shall be from hensforth put in due execution / accor dyng to the trewe intent / meanyng / and purpozte of the same / as well within the cite of London / as in all other cities / boroughes / and towne corporate within this realme / and the same to endure perpetually / any thyng contayned in the sayde acte or decree to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes / that no artificer / aliant or esttraunger / bozne out of the kynges obeyssance / beyng a house holder / or inhabytyng within any of the vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambrydge / or within the saintuarie of saynt Martyn le graunde / within the cite of London / shall from hensforth haue or reteyne in theyr seruyce / iourney men / or appretices / beyng aliantes or estrangers bozne aboue þ nobze of .x. persons at one tyme / vpon payne of the penaltie cotayned in the said acte / made in the said .xiiii.and.xv.yere of our sayd souerayne lord.

¶ The prouysions contayned or specified in the same acte nat withstandynge.

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The decree

The decree made in the sterre chambze for artificers stra-
ngers/by the kynges moste honorable counsell the .xx. day of Fe-
bruary/ in the .xx. yere of the reigne of our soue-
raygne lord kyng Henry the. viii.



Henricus octavus dei gratia Anglie et Francie rex/ fidei defensor/ et
dominus Hibernie/ omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint/
salutem. Insuperimus quoddam breue nostrum de cerciorand Thome
Eliot clerico consilij nostri direct/ et in filacijs Lancellar nostre residen
in hec verba: Dilecto sibi Thome Eliot armigero clerico consilij no-
stri salutem. Volentes certis de causis cerciorare super tenore cuiusda finalis de-
creti coram nobis et consilio nostro habis de et super executione quorundam sta-
tutorum et ordinationum contra alienigeni exercentes artes et artificia manualia/
inhabitantes infra regnum nostrum Anglie edis et prouis/ tibi precipimus/ quod te-
nozem finalis decreti predicti cum omnibus eam tangētibus nobis in Lancellar no-
stram sub sigillo tuo distincte et aperte sine dilatione mittas/ et hoc breue. Tunc ipso
apud westmonast. xiiij. die Aprilis/ Anno regni nostri. xx. Insuperimus etiam quod-
dam decretum per nos et consilium nostrum apud westmonast. in Camera stellata
redditum/ et in filacijs eiusdem Lancellar nostre similiter residen in hec verba:



Where of late our true and faithfull subiectes/artificers
and handy craftes men/ bozne vnder our obeyfance/ in-
habytynge within our citie of London and the subbar-
bes of the same/ exhibited vnto vs a lamentable hyll of
complaynt/ contempnyng/ that nat withstandynge many
good and necessarye statutes/ and actes of parlyament
haue ben edified/ ordeyned/ and made/ and especiall one
in the fyrste yere of kyng Rycharde the. iii. And the other beynge made
in the yere of the reigne of our dereft father of noble memozye/ Henry
the. vii. late kyng of this our realme/ and in the. xiiii. and. xv. yere of our
reigne/ concernynge the strangers artificers and handy craftes men/ bozne
out of our obeyfance/ vlynge and exercisynge handye craftes within this
our realme of Englade/ as well for the restraynyng of the excessiue nombze
and vnrasonable behauour of the same straungers artificers bozne out of
our obeyfance/ whiche by continuall resozte and repayze in to this our sayd
realme/ dayly increased/ to the great detriment of our owne naturall subie-
ctes/artificers of the same handy craftes and mysteries/ And of other son-
dye incōueniences/ by occasion that dyuers of the sayde subiectes for lacke
of occupation/ fall vnto ydlenes/ As also for the refourmation of sondye
disceites et falsehoodes practised by the sayde straungers artificers in theyr
sayd handy craftes/ to the great damage and losse of vs and of all our sayd
naturall subiectes/ The sayde straungers artificers nothynge pondrynge or
dredynge the sayde statutes/ ne the penalties in the same contepned and ex-
pzelled/ cease nat contemptuousslye/ as well to abuse the saide statutes/ as
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most parte entierly to infringe and breke the same. And to acumulate from tyme to tyme moze offences and enozimities / as well agayne our prouogative as to the detryment of the common welthe of this our realme / and our lo-
 uping subiectes of the same / for whan any serche shalbe made in euery handy craft within any cite / towne / or borough corporate / within our said realme by our subiectes / the sayde wardens and others ordeined by the sayde laste acte of handye craftes men / within any cite / towne / or borough corporate / and one householder straunger bozne out of our obeyssaunce / inhabytyng within our sayde cite / towne / or borough corporate / byng any handye craft / be he denyen / or nat denyen / the sayde straunger beyng a householder / as before is sayde / beyng laufull warned and required thereunto / accordyng to the sayde acte / other wyll refuse to do his duetie therin / or els he wyll gyue secrete warnyng therof to his bretherne of the sayd craftes / wherby they haue nat only conueyed and hydde all their vnlauffull / vntrue / subtyll / and disceitfull wares / whiche they vntruly / subtylly / vnsubstancially and disceitfully haue made / and dayly make / and vtter to our subiectes / at excessyue and vnreasonable prices / to the great detryment and damages of our sayde subiectes / but also their seruantes and prentyses they haue hyd from the knowlege of the sayd wardens / whan any suche serche hath hapend to be made / And so they defraude the same good and honozable estate and acte / So that therof no lauffull punysshment coulde / can / myght or may ensue / accordyng to the tenure / purpote / and effecte of the sayde statute / but they cōtempne / dispise / and set at nought the same / wherby and by the other vnlauffull meanes afoze sayde / and others / as subtylly sendyng and conueyng ouer the see / bacon / cheese / powdered beffes / mottons / and other commodities within this our realme / nat onely within and out of the sayde cyties / townes / and boroughes corporate / but also within and out of other places throughe out our realme / by them the sayde straungers practysed and executed / wherby they dayly increase in great rycheesse / and in great multytude in nombres of straungers handy crafty men bozne out of our obeyssaunce. And whan they haue gethered moche rycheesse and money / they agaynste our lawes conueye the same money ouer the see. And than they also go ouer the see in to theyr countreyes / and there purchasse them landes and tenementes with parte therof / and with the resydue of the same they lyue therby / and some tyme they conuerte parte therof to the vse of our ennemyes in those partyes. And so as well our poure subiectes Cordeuayners / and all oure subiectes handye craftes men / bozne within our obeyssaunce / by the meanes afoze sayde / be soze impoueryshed / mynyshed / and almoste vterly decayed and distroyed / and many of them for lacke of occupation in the said handy craftes / be cōstrayned to lyue in ydlenes / by occasion wherof / they do cōtynually fall to thefte / murder / & other great offences / & consequently in great nombres be put to deth by our lawes as we be informed. And also the great scarltie of grayne

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and hittayle at this present tyme throughe out this our realme / to be the more enforced / and caused by reason of the great multitude and continuall recours of the sayd straungers handy craftes men / whiche consume a great portion of corne and byttayle / growne and bred within this our realme. The p[re]misses considered to the extent to be therof more perfittly and truly instructed / for the charitable zeale that we haue to the common weale of our realme / and our sayd subiectes of the same : and for the quietnes of the sayd strangers / we haue assined & gyven in cōmāndement to our lordes / and others of our counsaile indifferently to examyne the p[re]misses / and as well to here the sayde complayntes / as the sayde defendauntes / and their allegiauntes / and sayenges / of / in / and to the p[re]misses / and to euery parte therof / and the same by them harde / examyned / and by good delyberate aduyse vnderstanden / to ordeine / adiudge / and decree the same / after their wysdomes and lernynge : wherbypon as well the sayd byll of complaynte / the answer of the sayde defendauntes therunto made / the replication of the sayde complaynauntes / to the sayde answer were also made / And all other allegiauntes and sayenge of bothe the sayd parties / by mature and delyberate aduyse by our sayde counsaile ripely examyned / harde / and vnderstande.

It is ordeyned / adiudged / and decreed / the. xx. day of february / in this present terme of saynt Hylarij / in the. xx. yere of our raygne in our sterred chaumbr by the mooste reuerende father in god / Thomas lorde Cardynall legate de latere of the apostolyque see / Archebysshoppe of yorke / primate and Chauncellour of Englande / and by our nobles and others of our sayd counsaile and by the mutual assentes of the complaynantes and defendantes than there beyng in maner and forme folowynge / That is to say / that accordynge to the acte of parlyment made the sayd. xiii. &. xv. yere of our reygne / that no straunger artificer / bozne out of our obeiſaunce / inhabytyng within any cite / towne / or borough / or any other place within this our realme of Englade / from thenseforth shall kepe in his or theyr house or houses / any maner of seruauntes straungers / bozne out of our obeiſaunce / but onely two straungers seruauntes / and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers artificers / nowe inhabytyng within any cite / towne / or borough corporate / or in any other place within our sayd realme / that wyl be app[re]ntices or seruauntes to or with any of our subiectes artificers bozne within our obeiſaunce / exercysyng newe or olde stufte / inhabytyng within our sayd realme / shall be suffered so to abyde and dwelle with them / without interruption / as longe as they wyl so contynue and abyde with them and can agree to gether.

And furthermoze it is decreed / that it shal be lesfull to all and euery of the sayde straungers artificers / nowe beyng householders within our sayde realme / to take as many of our subiectes bozne within our obeiſaunce / to be their seruauntes or app[re]ntices / in the crafte that they do exercyse / as they can laufully gette. And that all the straungers artificers / nowe being householders

householders within our sayde citie of London / suburbs / parishes / or
 compass therof / expressed in the sayde statutes / or within .ii. myles compass
 of the sayd parishes. And also all and singuler straungers / that now be / or
 hereafter shalbe made denizens / that do or hereafter wyl inhabyte within
 our sayd citie of London / suburbs / or parishes aforesayde / or within .ii.
 myles compass of the same / and kepe houses / and occupy theyr crafte / shalbe
 contributorye to & with our subiectes artificers within our cite of London /
 payeng / beynge / and susteyninge suche charges as hereafter shalbe expressed.
 That is to say / as well euery of the sayd straungers / beynge of the crafte and
 mystrye of cordewayners / householders / as denizens that now be / or here-
 after shalbe made denizens / and shall inhabyte within our sayd citie / subur-
 bes / parishes / or .ii. myles compass of the same / shall quarterly pay to the said
 mayster wardens & compynaltie of the said crafte of Cordewayners / within
 our sayd citie of London for the tyme beynge .vi. d. And euerye seruaunt
 straunger of the sayde occupation of the sayde Cordewayners within the
 sayde citie / suburbs / and p[re]cincte / nat beynge denizen / shall quarterly
 paye to the sayde mayster wardens and commynaltie .iii. d. And that all
 other straungers artificers / and denizens of euery handye crafte and my-
 sterpe / inhabytyng as well within our sayde citie of London / as in any
 other citie or towne within this our realme shall paye / beare / and susteyne
 all suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and mystrye
 borne out of our obeyssaunce / inhabytyng within the citie / bouroughe /
 towne / of theyr inhabytation at this tyme / do beare and susteyne. And also
 all straungers artificers and denizens / exercysynge the crafte and mystrye
 of Cordewayners / dwellyng out of our citie of London / in anye other
 citie or towne within this our realme / shall pay / beare / and susteyne / scotte /
 taxes / tallages / subsidies prestes and all other reasonable exactions from
 tyme to tyme accordyng as the sayde maysters / wardens / and compaynes
 of the sayde craftes for the tyme beynge / shall be bounden to paye / beare /
 & susteyne / whan any subsidy / taxe / tallage / or prest / or other reasonable
 charges / shall be by the maire and aldermen of our sayde citie of London /
 and the mayres and aldermen of our sayde other cities and townes / or by
 the comon counsaile of the sayde citie / cities / and townes / of and for any
 charges or paymentes of money / to be payde by the compaynes of the sayd
 craftes / citezens of any citie / for any payment to be made vnto the kynges
 hyghnes / or his heires / or els to be payde for any cause concernynge the
 comon welthe of any our sayde cities or townes / or comon welthe of the
 sayde artificers / the sayde straunger shall pay all the same / that they shalbe
 asselled or taxed to pay / as contributoryes with the sayde compaynes / be-
 ynge our subiectes / as our sayd subiectes shalbe asselled and taxed to paye.
 And if any of them denye or refuse the same / or any parte therof / than he
 or they denieng and refusynge so to do / shall nat only lose the benefite of this
 decree / but also shall nat any longer occupye any handye crafte / vpon the
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paynes / daungers / and parels specified in the aboue remembred actes and statutes.

¶ And that as well all and euery of the said housholders straungers afoze sayde/as all other straungers artificers/ made oꝛ to be made denyzens/that shall be householders/ and inhabyte and occupie any crafte within our said citie/subburbes oꝛ. ii. myles compasse of the same / as longe as they shall remayne and abyde within the sayde citie/suburbes/ and. ii. myles compas of the same/beynge reasonably requyzed and warned by the wardens and other persons gouernours in any cite/towne/ oꝛ bozowe coꝛpore of their sayd craftes/within any of our sayd cities oꝛ townes coꝛpore / oꝛ by any of them foꝛ the tyme beyng / oꝛ by their laufull deputies / oꝛ depute / shall goo with the sayde wardens oꝛ other gouernours there as moos wardens be to make serche/accoꝛdyng to the aboue remembred actes of parliament/ made in the. xlii. and xli. yere of our reygne : whiche if they refuse to do/ and that pꝛoued befoze the Chauncellour of Englande / oꝛ befoze the Mayeꝛ of London/and in other cyties / befoze the chiefe persones of the sayde cities oꝛ townes/ foꝛ the tyme beyng : That than the same householders oꝛ householder so offendynge/denpenge oꝛ refusynge the same/shall no longer the same his occupation exercise oꝛ vse within this our realme/vpon payne/parell/and daunger expꝛessed in the afoze remembred actes and statutes. And that the same straungers artificers/denyzens oꝛ nat denyzens householders/ whiche wyll remayne and abyde within our sayde realme/ shall vpon laufull notyce to them gyuen by the mayster oꝛ wardens of theyꝛ crafte/oꝛ one of them/personally pꝛesent them selves in the common halle oꝛ metynge place of theyꝛ sayde craftes / within our sayde cities and townes there as they be inhabytyng : and than and there euery of them to receyue and take theyꝛ othes/ and be swozne vpon the holy Euangelyst/befoze the sayd mayster and wardens of their sayde crafte and mystery within our sayde cyties and townes coꝛpore/to be faythfull and trewe to vs and to our heyes kynges of Englande /and to be obedient to vs and them/and our and their lawes/and to all actes/ ordinaunces/and decrees made and confirmed by vs and our counsaile / oꝛ by our counsaile / and duely and trewely at all tymes / whan they shall be appoynted by the wardens of theyꝛ felowschyppe / crafte / oꝛ mystery foꝛ the tyme beyng/oꝛ theyꝛ deputies/to make serche with them /accoꝛdyng to the purpoꝛte / tenure / oꝛ effecte of an estatute and acte of parliament made in the. xlii. and. xli. yere of our reygne/and haue warnynge and monission thereof by the wardens oꝛ any of them/oꝛ any other their sufficient deputie oꝛ deputies in that behalfe to them made and gyuen/ and that they shall be redye to go with the sayde wardens to make the same serche/ and that they shall nat gyue notice to anye straunger of the sayde serche / vntyll they with the sayde wardens come to gether to make the sayde serche / and that they shall well / indifferently/and trewely / behaue them in the same / Sette all affection / fauour/ malice/

malycie/and bryde of any creature /and all fraude and disceyte aparte / So helpe them god and all sayntes / and by the holpe Euangelyst. And they othe so receyued in fourme afoze sayde / the sayde straungers shall paye for theyr admyssyon/accozdyng as our sayde subiectes haue alway vsed to pay.

It is also further decreed / that no straunger artificer o2 handye craftes man/bozne out of our obeyssaunce/nat beinge denyzen/whiche at the day of the makynge of this decree is nat a householder within this our realme/o2 kepeth any shoppe o2 shoppes within the sayde citie and subbarbes / o2 any other citie/towne/o2 bozoughe within this our realme/shall from that daye forwarde/sette hyppre o2 kepe any house/shoppe/o2 chambze/within our citie of Lodon/subbarbes/o2 parishes befoze reherled/o2 within any other citie/towne/bozough/o2 village/within this our realme/wherin he shall exercise & practyse any handy crafte o2 misterie/vpō payne to incurre & rene in suche penalties as be cōtained in the statutes befoze this tyme made and enacted.

And that none of the sayde strangers / artificers/o2 handy craftes men/bozne out of our obeyssaunce / as well denyzens as other / shall assemble in any company / felowshyppe/congregation/o2 conuenticle/ but onely in the cōmon halle of theyr craftes/with our subiectes/whiche be of the company of theyr sayde crafte o2 craftes/at suche tyme as they shall be commaunded and warned by the mayster and wardens of the sayde crafte o2 craftes/ and at none other place & time/o2 in any other maner/vpō paine afoze expressed.

Prouyded alway / that this decree and euery parte therof / concernynge the crafte and mystery of Cordewayners shall extende as well to them that worke olde stufte/as newe/within our citie of London/the subberbes of the same / o2 in any other citie / towne/bozough/o2 village/within this our realme of Englande.

Prouyded also that nat withstandinge any wordes compzysed in this decree / the straungers artificers / denyzens o2 nat denyzens / inhabytyng in the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambrpyge / and within the sayntuarie of saynt Martyns le graunde within the citie of London / shall enioye all the benefites and aduauntages reserued vnto them by reason of any prouision made by acte of parliament expressed in the statute made in the. xiiij. and. xv. yere of our reygne / So that the sayde straungers denyzens o2 nat denyzens inhabytyng within the sayd sepntuarie of saynt Martyns le graund be cōfirmable to suche directiō and order as shall be taken by the reuerende fater in god Cuthberte byshoppe of London/sy2 Rycharde Broke knyght chiefe baron of our eschequer/sy2 Johñ More knyght/one of the Justyces of our benche / sy2 Johñ Daūcy/ & sy2 Johñ Wpen knyghtes : to whom we haue of late directed our letters patentes / and by the same gyuen them power and auctoritie / and commaundyng them and euery of them to cause the house of euery stranger and denyzen / artificer / inhabytyng and dwellyng within the sayde seintuary to be serched and byewed/ howe many seruauntes he o2 they kepe bozne out of our obeyssaunce/ and they beyng all viewed and sene/ than to

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appoynt to euery of the sayde straungers/householders inhabytyng with-
in the sayd sepntuarie/ by them in forme afoze sayde so tryed / to be within
the bondes and lympttes of the sayde sepntuarie suche noumbze of seruan-
tes straungers bozne out of our obeisaunce/ as they by their discretions shall
thinke conuenient and sufficient/ and nat to be to any detryment vnto our
subiectes inhabytauntes within our sayde citie.

Also commaundyng in our name all and euerye the sayde straungers/
denyzens/householders/that they from henceforth do nat kepe within their
houses oꝛ in any other house/shoppe / oꝛ chaumbze within our sayde citie of
London oꝛ the subbarbes of the same / any moo seruauntes beyng bozne
out of our obeysaunce than shalbe to them at that tyme by them appoynted
as they wyll auoyde the daunger and penaltie of our lawes / and what
they haue done in the pzempses that they do certifye to vs and our coun-
saile in our sterre chaumbze at westmylster at the. xv. daye of Ester nexte
commynge / in wytnesse whereof we wyll as well the sayde decree as all
other the pzempses / shall be exemplified vnder our seale.

Nos autem tenorem breuis et decreti predicti ad requisitionem magistris et gar-
dianorum artis siue misterie aululariorum siue Lordwayners Londoni duximus
exemplificand per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras
fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud westmon. vicesimo die Aprilis. Anno
regni nostri vicesimo.

An acte for the adnullynge of the letters patentes made
to the cytie of yorke/ concernyng shyppyng of wolles. Cap. xvij.

Where as the kynge our soueraygne lord bypon feyned suggestions sur-
mised to his hyghnes to haue bene for the aduancement of his aun-
cient citie of yorke by his letters patentes graunted vnto the Maye and
cytezens of the same citie of yorke/ to shyppe/coniuey/transporte/and cary/
vnto the porte of Hull in the countyes of yorke / wolles / and felles / of
the growynge of dyuers places in the sayde countye expresse as in the
sayde letters patentes maye appere/ the tenure whereof hereafter ensueth.
Henry the. viii. by the grace of god kynge of Englande and of Fraunce/ de-
fender of the faythe / and lord of Irelande/ to all and euery our Iustices/
Mayes/ Sheryffes/ baylyffes/customers/controllers/constables/ and all
other our lyeiges and subiectes / as well within the lyberties as without/
gretynge/ knowe you that we of our especiall grace / mere motion/ and ly-
beralitie/ hauyng a tender zeale & loue to the encrease/aduancement/and a-
mendement of our auncient citie of yorke/haue gyuen & graunted/ & by these
presentes graue & graunt for vs and our heyyes as moche as in vs is / vnto
our louynge and humble subiectes / the Maye and cytezens of the sayde
cytie/and to euery of them and to theyr heyyes and successours/ and to the
heyyes and successours of euery of them / as longe as they inhabyte and
dwelle

dwelle within our said citie & be free of the same / free lybertie & lycence from
 hensforth from tyme to tyme / to shyppe / conuey / trasporte / & cary / vnto our
 pozte of Hull / in our countye of yorke / and from thens to all fozeine coun-
 treys and regions at their pleasure by them selves their appzentices iourney
 men / and factours / to their owne vse only / All suche wolles and felles whi-
 che any of the sayd citezens inhabited in our said citie / and being free therof
 by theyr fearours and policies oꝝ marchandysse oꝝ other wyle / may lausfully
 attayne and come by of the sayde brede / fallynge / growynge / and increa-
 syng / within the lymities & places of Houdeshire / Marchlande / the honour
 of Bountfret / Otley / the fozeist of Knarles burghs / Rychemonde shyre /
 Cleslande / the fozeist of Gautres / Blache moze / and yorke wolde / oꝝ in any
 of them in our sayd countie of yorke without any daunger / payne / trouble /
 oꝝ damage / of any of the sayde citezens theyr heyres oꝝ successours / oꝝ losse
 reasure of forsayture of any of the sayde wolles oꝝ felles / oꝝ any of them /
 oꝝ any payne / punishment / oꝝ penalty / foꝝ them oꝝ any of them / to be had /
 done / oꝝ attempted foꝝ / oꝝ by vs oꝝ our heyres / oꝝ by any of our mynsters
 oꝝ subiectes in our name oꝝ to our vse / oꝝ to the vse of our heyres / by vertue
 of any acte / vse / oꝝ dynaunce / oꝝ estatute heretofore made agaynst any of the
 sayd citezens their heyres oꝝ successours / & without any tolle / charge / oꝝ im-
 position / to be had / perceiued / & taken to our vse / oꝝ to the vse of our heires /
 of any of the sayd citezens foꝝ the sayde wolles and felles / oꝝ any of them /
 other than suche lyke custome and subside / as the inhabytauntes of our
 towne of Newecastell / foꝝ wolles and felles by them shypped and transpor-
 ted to fozein countreys vse commonly to paye / any acte oꝝ dynaunce here
 tofore made oꝝ to be made to the contrary nat withstandynge / whiche cu-
 stome and subside shall be contented to our vse from tyme to tyme by our
 sayde citezens to our custome of the sayde pozte of Hull / foꝝ the tyme being.
 And moze ouer we of our especiall grace by these presentes graunt vnto the
 sayd Mayze and citezens / that these our present letters of lycence shall be
 to the sayde mayze and citezens / and to euery of them / to theyr heyres and
 successours / and to the heires and successours of euery of them / at all tymes
 here after good and auaylable foꝝ euer / agaynst vs and our heires / in / and
 foꝝ the premises / and foꝝ euery of them accoꝝdynge to the tenure therof / in
 euery behalfe without any restraint / repeale / diminution / oꝝ reuocation / here
 after to be had oꝝ made therof / oꝝ of any parte of the same / all be it there be
 no expresse mention of the very value and certaynte of the premises in
 these our letters specified / any acte oꝝ dynaunce heretofore made / oꝝ to be
 made to the contrary nat withstandynge. And the sayd Mayze and citezens
 shall haue these our present letters of lycence vnder our great seale / with-
 out any fyne oꝝ fee to our vse in our hamper therof to be payde / and with-
 out any further warraunt to be optayned of vs to be dyrected to any of
 our mynsters and officers in that behalfe. In wytnesse wherof we haue
 caused these our letters patentes to be sealed with oure great seale / at
 Hampton

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Hampton courte/the. xxi. day of August/the. xv. yere of our reigne. By then the whiche letters patentes/the sayde cite is therby nothyng helped ne encreased/accozdyng to the sayde surrende/ nor the commynalte therof in any thyng therby encreased o2 auanced / but suche profyte as dyd growe by reason of the sayde letters patentes/ came to the handes of. iii. o2. iiii. psones there onely/ contrarpe to the intent and meanyng of our sayde soueraygne lord: by reason wherof our sayde soueraygne lord hath susteyned / and daylye doth susteyne great losses in his customes of wolles & felles: and the clothiers there lacke the wolles / wherwith they vsed to make clothe with in the sayde countie / whiche in lengthe shulde nat onely growe to the hurte of all the kynges poure subiectes/ that be occupied with makynge of clothe in those parties / but also to the kynges disinheritaunce and mynyshynge of his sayde customes / if it were continued. In consideration wherof / be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord/ by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and tempo2all/ and the commons in this present parlyament assembled/ and by the assent and auctozitie of the same / that the sayde letters patentes and euery thyng therein contayned / be from hensforthe adnulled / repelled/ and boyde and of none effecte. And that the sayde may2e and citezens / nor they2e heires / nor successours shall nat haue ne take from hensforthe any auantage/ profyte/ o2 commodytie by reason of the same letters patentes/ o2 of any lycence and graunte / o2 any other thyng therein conteyned in any wyse. **C**ouyded alway / and be it enacted by the auctozitie afozelsaide/ that no citezens o2 inhabytauntes within the sayde cite / whiche befoze the fyrste daye of this present parlyament / haue shynped / conueyed/ o2 carped any wolles o2 felles in to the sayd pozte of Hull/ by vertue and auctozitie of the kynges sayde letters patentes / be charged ne chargeable vnto the kynges highnesse/ fo2/ o2 with moze pauent/ charge/ o2 imposition/ fo2 the said wolles o2 felles / o2 any of them / other than with suche lyke custome and subsidie/ as the inhabytauntes of the towne of Newcastle / fo2 wolles and felles by them shynped and transported/ vsyn comonly to pay/ accozding as is afoze reherfed in the letters patentes / and no further ne other wyse / any information o2 other charge o2 matter/ had/ made/ o2 here after to be made/ o2 had in the kynges Eschequer/ o2 other wyse fo2 the same to the contrarpe nat withstandynge.

CAn acte concernynge Newcastle vpon Tyne/ and the pozte and hauen there vnto belongynge. Cap. xviii.



Amblly shewen to your highnes your trewe and faythfull subiectes/ the May2e/ burgeyses/ and commynalte of your towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne / that where your grace and your moste noble progenytours kynges of Englande / tyme out of mynde haue ben leased of the saide towne/ and of the portes and hauen of the

of the ryuer of Tyne there vnto belongynge/and of all grounde with water couered within the sayd ryuer of Tyne / from one place in the mouthe of the sayde ryuer called the Sparhauke/to one other place in the same ryuer/ called Hedwystremes/in theyr demeane/as of fee/in right of their crowne of Englande/and as parcell of the same. And durynge all the sayde tyme/ all maner of person or persons/as well free men/ as strangers & denizens/ applyng or comynge in to the sayde porte/hauen/and ryuer/from any parties of beyonde the see / or of this realme of Englande/ with shippes or other vessels/charged or loden with any maner of wares/ or marchandise/ or shippynge/chargynge/or lodynge/any shippes or vessels/with any kynde of marchandise to be conuayed out of this sayde porte and hauen/ to any parties of this realme of Englande/or els where out of this sayde realme/ haue alwayes durynge all the sayde tyme/ bled to charge / & discharge/ lode and unlode theyr sayde goodes / wares / and marchaundises / at the sayde towne of Newcastell / and no where elles with in the sayde porte & hauen/ and there haue alwayes payed to your sayde highnes and your sayde moste noble progenytours/all customes/subsidies/tolles/ and other thynges due for the same/amountynge yerely to the somme of fyue hundred poundes and aboue/wherof your saide progenytours/pour highnes/and your assignes/ haue ben hitherto duely and truly answered and payed/as in your eschequer more ample and at large dothe appere. The whiche your towne of Newcastell is / as well in tyme of warres as of peace/the chiefe key/reliefe/and defence of all the parties of this your realme there vnto adioynynge / And by reason of the sayde lyberties/and franchisees/pour sayde towne hath ben to this tyme well replenysshed and maynteyned. In so moche as the inhabytautes of your sayde towne of late dayes / haue bene able to serue your highnesse in your warres with.iiij.C.maryners or mo/ apte & able persones for that purpose / tyll now of late that dyuers great personages / as well spirituall as tempozall/haupnge landes adioynynge to the sayde porte and ryuer/betwene the sayd towne of Newcastell and the see/apte and easye for chargynge and dischargynge of shippes and marchaundises/haue charged and discharged / loded and unloded dyuers shippes and marchaundises within the sayde porte and hauen at the sayde places / nat payenge therfore any customes or other duties to your highnes/by meane wherof your sayd towne is lykely to come to vtter decaye and ruyne / And the inhabytautes of the same to refuse and relynquish the sayde towne / and to repayre and resoerte to the sayde places / to the great dysheryson of your highnesse/and mynyshment of your customes/ subsidies/and duties / and profytes/ customably payde at your towne & porte afore sayde. And also where dyuers wayes and fylshedges of late tyme haue bene made/ cered/fired/and set in the sayde porte and ryuer of Tyne / betwene your sayde towne and the hye see/by dyuers persones haupnge great landes and tenementes adioynynge to the sayde ryuer / moste specially within the byshoppyche of Durhame/ where

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where your gracious wryttes doth nat ronne/and where your comynssions out of your courte of Chauncerye or other your courtes / do nat take any effectte : By mean wherof great sande beddes/ & grauell heapes be growen and cast by in the sayde ryuer and porte/ so that within fewe yeres to come/ no shyppe of good burden or weyght shalbe able to come or resorte to your sayde towne / to the inestymable hurte of the countreys there vnto adioynynge/ and to the great damage of this your realme/ specially to all persons nedynge see cooles/ which be only coueyd from the sayd porte of Newcastell/ and in no where els had or to be shynped within this your realme.

In consideration wherof it may please your hyghnesse of your mooste abundaunt grace with the assent of your lordes spirituall and tempozall and the comons in this present parliament assembled/ and by the auctozitie of the same / to enacte/ ordeyne / and establishe/ that from henceforth any marchant or marchantes/ or any other person or persons/ shal nat shyp/ lode or vnload/ charge or discharge any maner of goodes/ wares/ or marchādyses to be solde here within this your realme or els wher/ in/ to/ or fro/ any/ shyp or shippis/ or other vessels/ in/ or at any place or places within the sayd port ryuer and haueu betwene the sayde place called the sparhauke/ and the sayd place called Hedwinstremes/ but onely at the sayde towne of Newcastell and no where els/ vpon payne of forfeiture of all suche goodes/ wares/ and marchandyses to the kyng or sayde soueraygne lord/ and to his heires kynges of Englande/ and that it shal be lefull vnto the mayre / burgeses/ & comynaltie of the sayd towne of Newcastell/ and their successours / and all other the kynges officers there fore tyme beyng / for to take and lease all that sayd suche forseyt/ goodes/ wares/ and marchandyses to the vse of our soueraygne lord/ & kyng/ and of his heires/ & the value therof to be answered in his exchequer.

Be it also enacted/ ordeined/ and established/ by the auctozite aforesayde/ that every owner/ fermer/ and occupier of the sayde weyres/ gozes/ and engyns and euery of the same / do abate/ put downe/ and put awaye the same waieres/ gozes/ & engins/ on this side the feest of Ester nexte comynge. And that no maner pson or psons from henceforth areise/ leuey/ or make any maner weire/ goze/ or engin in the sayde haueu betwene the sayde places called sparhaukes & hedwinstremes/ vpon paine of. C. li. of laful englishe money for every tyme they do the contrary/ wherof the one halfe shalbe to our soueraine lord/ the king / & the other halfe to hym or them that wyll sue therfore by action of dette/ byll/ playnt/ or information in any of his kynges courtes wherin ptye defendat shal nat wage his lawe nor in the actio any essoin/ licence/ ne protection be allowed. **A**nd further it shalbe lafull at all tymes after the feeste of whysontyde nexte comynge/ to the Mayre/ burgeses/ and comynaltie of the sayde towne of Newcastell and theyr successours to abate/ plucke downe / and take awaye all and euerye of the sayde weyres/ gozes / and engyns/ that shall be than founde standynge in any place

place within the sayde porte and haven/betwene the sayde places of Spar-
haube & Ipedmynstreines/ and that here after shall be newly made/leuped/
and areed any where within the same/withour trouble/ let / or vexation of
any maner persone or persones / by sute in the lawe or other wyse.

¶ Provided alwaye/that this acte be nat prejudiciall or hurtful to any per-
sone or persons beinge the kynge's subiectes/for byenge/shippening/loving/
or bylodyng of any salte or fyllhe within the sayd ryuer and porte/ or to any
of them/or any other persone or persones/repaynyng to the sayd porte with
shyppes and marchandyces/for sellyng/or byenge of any wares or marchā-
dyses / nedefull for the bytellynge and amendynge of theyr sayde shyppes
at the tyme of theyr there beinge within the sayde porte. This acte or any
thyng compyzed in the same/nat withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge auowryes. Cap. xli. / *h. 8. c. 40.*



Where as well the noble men of this realme / as dyuers other
persones/by synes/recoveryes/grawntes/and secrete feoffemen-
tes and leases / made by theyr tenants to persones unknowen/
of the landes and tenementes holden of them / haue bene putte
from the knowlege of theyr tenants/tpost whom they shulde
by order of the lawe make theyr auowryes for theyr rentes/customes / and
seruyces/to theyr great losses and hynderances.

¶ Be it therfore enacted / establisshed / and ordeyned/by auctoritie of this
present parlyament/that where so euer any maner landes/tenementes/and
other heredytamentes be holden by any maner person or persons / by rétes/
customes/or seruyces / that if the lord of whom any suche maner landes/
tenites / or hereditametes be so holde/distraine vpon the same maners / lades/
or tenementes/for any suche rentes / customes / or seruyces / and repleyne
therof be sued/that the lord/ of whom the same landes/tenementes/ or he-
redytamentes be so holden may auowe / or his baylyffe or seruant make co-
gnisance/or iustifie for takynge of the sayde distrelles / vpon the same lades/
tenementes/or heredytamentes so holden/as in landes or tenementes with
in his fee or seignorie/alegynge in the sayde auowrye/ conysaunce / and iu-
stification/the same manours/landes/and tenemetes / to be holden of hym
without namynge of any persone certayne to be tenants of the same/ and
without makynge any auowrye / iustification/or conysaunce vpon any per-
son certayne. And lyke wyse the lord/baylye/ or seruant/to make auowrye/
iustification or conysaunce / in lyke maner and founte vpon euery wytte
sued of seconde delyueraunce.

¶ And also be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie / that euery auowant/and
euery other person and persons that make any suche auowrye/iustification/
or conysaunce/ as baylye/or seruant to any persone or persones in any reple-
giare / or seconde delyueraunce/for rentes / customes / seruyces / or for da-
mage

mage & lauit / or other rente or rentes / vpon any distresse taken in any lades or tenementes : If the same auowye / conysaunce / or iustification be founde for them / or the playntiffes in the same be nonesute or other wyle barred / that than they shall recouer theyr damages and costes agaynst the sayde playntiffes / as the same playntiffes shulde haue done or had / if they had recovered in the replegiare / or seconde deliuerance founde agaynst the sayd defendantes.

¶ And be it also ordeyned / that the sayd pleyntiffes and defendantes in the sayde writtes of replegiare / or writtes of seconde deliuerance / and in eueri of them / shall haue lyke ples and lyke ayde prayers in all suche auowyes / conysaunces / and iustifications (plees of disclaimer onely excepte) as they myghte haue had before the makynge of this acte / and as though the sayde auowye / conysaunce / or iustification had ben made after the dewe order of the comon lawe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the sayde auctoritie / that all suche persones as by the order of the comon lawe maye lawfully ioyne to the playntiffes or defendantes in the sayde writtes of replegiare or seconde deliuerance / as well without processe as by processe / shall from hensforthe ioyne vnto the sayd playntiffes or defendantes / as well without processe or by processe / and to haue lyke ples and lyke auantages in all thynges (disclaymer onely excepte) as they myghte haue done by the order of the comon lawe / before the makynge of this acte.

¶ In acte that the president of the kynges counsaile shall be associate with the Chancellour and Tresorer of Englande / and the keeper of the kynges priuie seale. Cap. xx.



Where at a parliament holden at westmyster in the .iii. yere of the reigne of our late moste grete souerayne lord kyng Henry the. vii. for as moche as by the vnlawful maintenaunces / gyuing of lyuereis / signes / tokens / and retayndures / by indentures / promyses / othes / writynges / or other wyle / enbraceries of his subiectes / vntreue demeanynge of sheryffes / in makynge of panels / and other vntrewe retournes / by takynge of money / by iuries and great riottes / and vnlawfull assemblies / the policie and good rule of this realme was almoste subdued. And for the punysshement of these inconueniencies by the occasion of the pemysses / nothyng or lyttell myght be founde by enquiry / wherby the lawes of the landes in execution myght take lyttell effecte / whiche was to the entreace of murders / robozies / periuries / and vnsuerties of all men lyuyng / and losses of theyr landes and goodes / to the great displeasure of almyghty god : for reformation of whiche pemysses / it was ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of the sayde parliament amongst other thynges / that the Chauncellour and Tresorer of Englande for the tyme beinge / and the keeper of the kynges priuie seale / or .ii. of them / callynge to them

the said byshoppe and a temporall lord of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile / and the chiefe iustices of the kynges bench / and the session place for the tyme beinge / or other ii. iustices in their absences / upon any or information put to the sayd Chancellor for the kyng / or any other against any person for any mysbehauyng afore rehearsed / whiche haue auctoritie to call before them by writte or by priuie seale the sayd mysdoers. And they and other by their discretion / by whom the trouthe myghte be knowne to example. And such as they shall fynde defectiue / to punish the same after their demerites / after the fourme and effects of statutes therof made / in like maner and fourme as they shulde and oughte to be punished / if they were therof couicted after the due order of the lawe / as by the same statute amonge other thynges nowe playnely dothe appere. After the tyme in the same good and profitable estatute / the president of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile / for the tyme beinge / attendyng upon his mooste noble and royall person / is omittted and hat named in the sayd fourthe statute made in the. iii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the. vii. to be one of the sayde persones / that shulde haue auctoritie to call before them suche mysdoers so offendyng the kynges lawes in any of the pmisses / as is before rehearsed. ¶ Be it therfore nowe by the auctoritie of this present parliament ordeined and enacted / that from henceforth the Chancellor / Tresorer of Englande / and the president of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile / attendyng upon his mooste honorable person / for the tyme beinge / or keeper of the kynges priuie seale / or two of them / callinge unto them one by hym / and one temporall lord of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile / and the two chiefe iustices of the kynges bench / and the session place for the tyme beinge / or other two of the kynges iustices in their absence / upon any bylle or information here after to be put in / the Chancellor of Englande / Tresorer / president of the kynges sayd mooste honorable counsaile / or keeper of the kynges priuie seale / for the tyme beinge / for any mysbehauyng afore rehearsed / from henceforth haue full power and auctoritie to call before them / by writte or priuie seale / suche mysdoers / and therein & other by their discretion / by whom the trouthe may be knowne / to example. And such as they shall fynde defectiue / to punish the same after their demerites / after the fourme and effects of the said former statute / and of all other statutes there of tofore made / and nat repelled nor expyied / in like maner and fourme as they shulde and oughte to be punished / if they were therof couicted after the due order of the kynges lawes.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament / that the president of the kynges said mooste honorable counsaile / for the tyme beinge / if he be thā present / may be at all tymes here after associate with the Chancellor / Tresorer of Englande / and keeper of the kynges priuie seale / for the tyme beinge / as well at the namyng of sheryffes and settinges of pices of wyne / as at all other actes lympitted and appoynted by any statute to be done

be done by the said Chauncellour / & Tresorer / or keeper of the kynges priuile
seale / for the tyme beinge : Any acte / statute / or vse here tofore made / bled
to the contrarye nat withstandinge.

CAn acte for permyththe concernynge ma-
nyng of woystedes. Cap. xxi.

Where at a parlyament holden at London the .xv. day of April
in the .xiii. yere of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is /
and from thens adiourned to westmyster the laste day of July /
in the .xv. yere of our sayde souerayne lord / and there ended /
It was ordeyned / enacted / & establisshed / that the craftes men
called woystede weauers / inhabyted in the towne of great permyththe / shuld
haue power and auctorite by that acte / from thens forwarde to electe and
chose perely for euer on the monday nexte after the feest of Penthecost / one
honest man of the mysterie and occupation of woystede weauers / beinge an
householder within the sayde towne of great permyththe / and hauynge of
his propre goodes and cattelles / to the value of .x. pounde at the lest / or
landes and tenementes to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the lest / to
the clere perely value of .xx. s. to be wardeyne of the same crafte & mysterye
of woystede weauers / for the yere nexte ensuyng / whiche man so elected
and chosen / shulde personally appere before the mayre of the cite of Noz-
wyche / for the tyme beinge / the mondaye nexte after the feest of Corpus
christi than nexte ensuyng / than and there to be swozne and charged by lyke
othe / concernynge the trewe and substanciall makynge of woystedes / sayes /
and stampys / within the sayde towne of great permyththe / as the four war-
dernes of the sayde cite of Nozwyche / by vertue of an acte of parlyament
made in the .vii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth / were charged & swozne
for the same cite of Nozwyche. And if the sayde mayre happened to be ab-
sent the sayde monday nexte after Corpus christi / or els than refused to re-
ceyue or take the sayd othe / than the sayd warden so electe within .iij. dayes
nexte after the same monday / shulde come before the baylyffes of the sayde
town of great permyththe for the tyme being / or before one of them / the other
being absent : and than / and there / receiue a corporall othe for the true ex-
ercysynge of the same office of wardenship / after the tenour of the othe ac-
customable / bled to be gyuen to the sayde wardens of the sayde cite of Noz-
wyche. And than the sayd wardeyne of the sayde towne of great permyththe
for the tyme beinge / so electe and swozne / myghte ordeyne and appoynte a
seale with this letter .y. to be grauen in the same seale / and myght haue full
power and auctorite to biewe / serche / seale / and seale in leade with the same
seale / so to be appoynted & engrauen / and none other / all woystedes / sayes /
and stampys / within the sayde towne of permyththe and subburbes of the
same / made / or to be made / and nat els where / in as large and ample maner
as the

as the sayde wardens of the sayde cite of Norwyche and the wardens of the countie of Norff. or any of them had within the sayde cite or countie / or in any wyse maye do in that behalfe by auctorite or vertue of the aforese-
membred acte / made in the sayde. vij. yeres of kynge Edward the. iij. any
thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary nat withstandinge.

¶ And that no persone inhabyted within the sayde towne of great per-
mouth or subburbes therof / shulde weave any worstedes / sayes / or sta-
mpys / within the same towne / excepte he be an englyshe man borne / and
had bene apprentice to the sayd occupation / and withowt he weaved there
suche propre markes / as shulde be limited and appoynted by the sayd war-
den of the sayde towne / for the tyme beyng electe and sworn / as is afore
sayde / upon payne of forfeyture therof to the kynge our soveraygne lord.
And that every warden of the sayd towne shulde limyte distincte and seve-
rall markes to every of the sayde worstede weavers of the sayde towne of
great permouth. And the same markes by the sayde warden to be registred
in a booke. And also it was further enacted / that if / and whan so ever the
towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with .x. hondyr householders or more
nombze of householders / except synge and sing the sayd crafte or mystrye
of worstede weavers / than / and from thensforthe / that is to say / as longe
as the same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the nombze of .x.
suche householders at the least / it shulde be lefull to the same inhabitants
of the sayde towne of Lynne / yere in the monday nexte after the feast of
Penthecost to electe and chose of them selfe one warden of the sayde crafte
and mystrye of worstede weavers / to be of the value in landes and goodes
as is afore sayd of the warden of permouth / whiche warden so electe shuld
yere be sworn and charged at the sayd cite of Norwyche in lyke maner
and at lyke day as is afore limited to the wardens of permouth / or in de-
faut of the sayde Mayre of Norwyche / than the sayde wardens so to be
electe for the sayde towne of Lynne / to take a corporall othe before the
Mayre of the sayde towne of Lynne / within suche tyme and after such
fourme as is afore limyted unto the sayd warden of permouth.

¶ And that the sayde wardens of the sayde towne of Lynne / for the tyme
beyng / so electe and sworn by hym selfe / myghte ordeyne and appoynt a
seale with this letter. A. to be grauen in the same seale / and might have full
power and auctorite to biewe / serche / seale / and seale in leade / with the same
seale so to be grauen / & with none other / all worstedes / sayes / and stampys /
within the sayde towne of Lynne / and subbarbes of the same / made or to
be made / and nat els where / in as large and ample maner as the sayde war-
dens of the sayd cite of Norwyche / and wardens of the sayde countie of
Norff. or any of them had within the sayde cite or countie / or other wyse
myght do by auctorite or vertue of the afore sayde acte / made in the sayde
vij. yere of kynge Edward the fourth / Any thyng conteyned in the same
acte to the contrary nat withstandinge. And that no person inhabyted with

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in the sayde towne of Lynne/ or subbarthes thereof/ shulde make any woꝝ-
stedes/ sayes/ or stampys within the same towne/ excepte he were englyshe
borne/ and had ben apprentice to the same occupation/ and without he was
used therein suche propre marche as shulde be lymyted and appoynted by
the sayde wardeyne of the same towne of Lynne/ for the tyme being/ upon
payne of forfaiture thereof to the kynge our soueraygne lord. And that
euery wardeyne of the sayde towne shulde lymytte distincte and generall
markes to euery of the sayd woꝝstede weauers of the same towne/ And the
same markes by the sayde wardeyne to be registred in a boke.

And it was further enacted/ that from the feast of saynt Myghell the ar-
chaungell than nexte folowynge/ vnto suche tyme as the sayde towne of
Lynne shulde be inhabyted with the sayde nombre of tenne householders of
of the sayde crafte of woꝝstede weauers/ and alway after/ whan that nomi-
of tenne householders shulde happen to faile/ and nat be inhabyted in the
sayd towne of Lynne/ the sayd wardens of the sayde citie of Noꝝwyche &
theri successours shulde procure and cause one of them selves/ or one of the
wardens of the sayd crafte of the sayde countie of Noꝝff. personally to
come & be euery. xxiii. day from and after the sayd feast of saynt Myghell
the archaungell/ in/ and to the sayde towne of Lynne/ or within. vi. dayes
nexte after euery suche. xxiii. day. And there to contynue and abyde by so
longe tyme as he myght serche and seale all suche woꝝstedes/ sayes/ and sta-
mpys/ made in the same towne of Lynne/ as than shuld be brought to hym
to be sealed within the space of one hole day. And the sayde inhabytauntes
of woꝝstede weauers of the same towne of Lynne beyng/ shulde content
and paye to the sayde wardeyne of Noꝝwyche or Noꝝff. whiche shulde
so come to Lynne in the sayde. xxiii. daye or within the. vi. dayes next
after the sayde. xxiii. day/ for his costes and expences for euery tyme that
he shulde so come to Lyn betweene þe feastes of saynt Myghell the archaun-
gell/ and the Annunciation of our lady saynt Mary. iii. s. And for euery
tyme that he shulde so come to the sayde towne of Lynne/ betweene the feast
of the Annunciation of our Lady/ and the feast of saynt Myghell the
archaungell. ii. s. And if the sayde inhabytauntes of woꝝstede weauers
of the sayde towne of Lynne/ dyd nat content and pay to the sayd wardens
comynge to Lynne/ in forme aforesaid/ for his sayd costes & charges the sayd
iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue lymyted: than the same inhabytauntes shulde
forseyte and pay to the sayde wardeyne or to his executours for euery suche
defaute of payment. xl. s. And if none of the sayd wardens of Noꝝwiche
and Noꝝfolke come to the sayd towne of Lynne/ for the cause aforesaid/ in
maner and forme aboue remembred/ that the sayde wardens of the sayde
citty of Noꝝwyche shulde forseyte and paye to the sayde inhabytauntes of
Lynne/ of the sayde mystere of woꝝstede weauers/ for euery suche defaute
xl. s. for recompence of whiche penaltie and forsaytes the sayde wardens
of Noꝝwyche or Noꝝfolke/ beyng therunto intyled by that acte/ by his
propre

person name / with this addition / that is to say / *Vnius gardianoꝝum / oꝝ*
super vnius gardianoꝝum artis sine misterie textozum panni lanei vocat
woꝛsted / in ciuitate Noꝛwiche vel comitat Noꝛff. As the trouthe requireth /
 shulde and myght haue action of dette / by writte / byll / oꝝ playnt / in any co-
 petent oꝝ lausfull court of this realme / agaynst the inhabytantes of Lyn / of
 the sayd mystery / for the tyme beinge / by theyr sondꝝ pꝛe names. And the
 sayd inhabytantes by theyr sayd shaines with this addition / *Textozum panni*
lanei vocat woꝛstedes inhabytantes ville de Lynne / shulde & myght haue like
actions of dette agaynst the sayde wardens of Noꝛwyche / by the name of
Gardiani artis sine misterie textozum pannoꝝu lancoꝝum vocat woꝛstedes /
infra ciuitatem Noꝛwiche / vel comit Noꝛff. to be bled to good congruities of
 lathen / and fourme of the lawes of this realme / In whiche actions / oꝝ any of
 them / none esloyn / pteccion / oꝝ waier of lawe shulde be suffred oꝝ allowed.
 And that the particuler bodys oꝝ goodes of any of the sayd wardens oꝝ in-
 habytantes / beinge condemnid in any of the sayd actions / shulde & myght
 be put in execution / after suche maner & foꝛme as is bled in actions of dette /
 by cours of the comon lawe of this realme. And moꝛe ouer it was enacted /
 that all clothes of woꝛstedes / sayes / and stampys / made within any of the
 sayd townes of Lyn and great yermouth / oꝝ subbarbes of the same / oꝝ any
 of them / and marked with suche markes as shulde be lympted to the mar-
 kers by the said wardens of the sayd towne / in maner & foꝛme as is aboue
 sayd / And viewed and sealed by any of the wardens of the sayd townes of
 Lynne & yermouth / in foꝛme remembꝛed / by force and vertue of the said acte
 myght be lausfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same / with-
 out any other markynge oꝝ sealyng / vpon the same clothes oꝝ vpon any
 of them to be hadde oꝝ made / of / oꝝ vpon any of the sayde clothes for lacke
 of any other seales oꝝ markes : Any thyng conteyned in the sayde .viii.
 yere of kyng Edward the fourth to the contrary nat withstandynge.
 And ouer this it was enacted / that euery crafter man of the sayde mystery
 and occupation of woꝛstede makynge / dwellynge within any of the sayde
 townes of Lynne and yermouth / and subburbes of the same / at their owne
 free wylls and liberties from thensforth for euer myghte haue and take
 a appꝛentice oꝝ appꝛentyces beyng male of the age of .xviii. yeres and
 vpwarde / and beyng the kynges naturall subiectes / for terme of .vii. yeres
 and nat vnder / so that none of them excede the noumbeꝛ of two at ones /
 to lerne / vse / and exercyse the sayde crafte within eyther of the sayde
 two townes of Lynne and great yermouth / and subburbes of the same.
 All be hit the father of the sayde appꝛentyce oꝝ appꝛentyces myghte nat
 expende in landes oꝝ tenementes to the yerely value of. xx. s. Any acte oꝝ
 ordynance to the contrary made oꝝ to be made nat withstandynge.
 Couenanted alway & the same acte noꝝ any thing therein conteined / shuld nat
 in any wise be hurtful oꝝ pꝛejudicial to & maite of Noꝛwich / oꝝ to his succes-
 souꝛ / oꝝ to & wardens of the sayd cite oꝝ countꝝ / oꝝ to their successours / in any
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popnt/ artycle/powet/ oꝛ auctoritie / other than foꝛ weaynge/serchynge/ and sealyng of woꝛstedes/ sayes/ and stampys/ made oꝛ to be made onely within the sayde townes of Lynne and permouth/ oꝛ subbarbes of the same oꝛ to any of them. And foꝛ lymytynge of markes to the makers of woꝛstedes/ sayes/ and stampys only inhabyted in either of the sayd townes/ oꝛ subbarbes therof / And takynge of apprentices in forme aboue remembꝛed. But that the sayde Warye of the sayde cite of Noꝛwyche / and wardens of the same cite and countye/ and enery of them myghte haue and vse all other popntes/artycles/powers/ and auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembꝛed acte/ made in the sayde leuenth yere of kynge Edward the fourth/ as well foꝛ the serche/sealyng/ correction/ and refoꝛmation of the sayde wardens/ newly to be electe by vertue of the same acte/ and euery of them/ accordynge and after suche forme as they myghte do oꝛ vse/ any of the sayde wardens of the sayde cite oꝛ countye by force of the sayde acte made in the sayde. vii. yere of kynge Edward the fourth/ as all and euery other enqueries / corrections/ serchynge/ sealynges/ and refoꝛmations to be hadde foꝛ the true makynge of woꝛstedes/ sayes/ and stampys/ in and vpon any person oꝛ persons/ as well within the sayd townes of Lynne and permouth/ as without / without trouble/ lette/ oꝛ vexation/ of any of the inhabytauntes of the sayde townes / in as large and ample wyse/ as they myght haue done befoꝛe the makynge of the sayde acte/ Any thyng conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandynge.

And also it was further pꝛouided and enacted/ that the sayd craftes men of woꝛstede weauers inhabyted / oꝛ after that to be inhabited within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and permouth/ oꝛ subbarbes of the same/ and the marchauntes oꝛ any other persone oꝛ persones / whiche shulde happen to be of the same craftes men/ oꝛ any of them/ oꝛ of any other person/ any of the sayd clothes of woꝛstedes/ sayes/ oꝛ stampys / made oꝛ to be made within either of the sayde townes of Lynne & permouth/ & sealed by the sayd wardens of the same townes to be electe and swoꝛne as is afoꝛe sayd. And any of them shulde nat there / dye / oꝛ put in colour / oꝛ kalender any woꝛstedes/ stampys/ oꝛ sayes made/ oꝛ after that to be made within either of the sayde townes of Lynne and permouth/ oꝛ subbarbes of the same / in any other place oꝛ places/ but only within the said cite of Noꝛwyche oꝛ subbarbes of the same/ vpon payne of foꝛfayture of euery pece of woꝛstede/ sayes/ oꝛ stampys / to be made within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and permouth/ oꝛ subbarbes of the same/ oꝛ the value therof / shorne/ dyed/ coloured / oꝛ kalendꝛed / by any of the sayde craftes men / byers/ oꝛ marchauntes/ in any other place oꝛ places than in the sayd cite of Noꝛwyche oꝛ subbarbes of the same / The one halfe therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord/ and the other halfe to suche person oꝛ persons as shulde lease the same/ so that the sayd woꝛstedes brought to the sayde cite of Noꝛwyche to be shorne / dyed/ coloured / and kalendꝛed/ without couyn oꝛ crafte of any of

any of the sayde inhabytauntes and marchauntes/myghte be shorne/dyed/
coloured / and kalendred/ at and by as conuenient pyce oꝝ pyces / and in
as redy wyse as the sayde inhabytauntes of eyther of the sayde townes of
Lynne and permouthe / and marchantes / byers of the sayde woꝛstedes/ oꝝ
other of the sayde citie and countie had had in tymes paste / oꝝ after that
shulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes and marchauntes / and
euery of them so bynggynge the sayd woꝛstedes to the same citie to be shorne/
dyed / coloured / and kalendred / were reasonably and lawfully entreated/
accoꝛdynge to the sayde acte made in the sayde.vii.yere of kynge Edward
the fourthe / and the oꝛdynaunces made and affirmed / oꝝ there after to be
made and affyꝛmed foꝛ the sayde mysterie / without let oꝝ disturbance con-
trary to the same acte oꝝ oꝛdynances in that behalfe.

And it was further enacted/that no pson oꝝ psons at any tyme after that
shulde conueye oꝝ transpote in to any of the parties of beyonde the see/any
maner of clothes of woꝛstedes / befoꝛe the same clothes were shorne / died/
coloured / and kalendred/ vpon payne of foꝛfeiture the value therof. The
one halfe to the kynge our soueraygne loꝛde / and the other halfe therof to
the partye that wyl sue therfoꝛe by action oꝝ playnte of dette in any of the
kynges courtes. In whiche action oꝝ sute / no pꝛotecꝛion oꝝ essoyne shulde
be alowed/noꝛ the offender admytted to wage his lawe/as by the sayde acte
therof made moꝛe playnely appereth/whiche acte was made to endure vnto
the nexte parlyament/ wherby it is now expꝛyed.

In consideration wherof / and foꝛ as moche as the same acte is a good
and a necessary acte foꝛ the tꝛewe makynge of woꝛstedes / sayes / and
stamyns/and very commodious and pꝛofytable foꝛ the encrease of
the sayde townes of permouthe and Lynne. Be it therfoꝛe
enacted by the kynge our souerayne loꝛde/ & the loꝛdes
spirituall and tempoꝛall / and the cōmons in this
pꝛesent parlyament assembled/ that the same
acte and euery article/sentence/and pꝛo-
uision therein conteyned/from the
fyrst day of this pꝛesent par-
lyament/be and stande
in full strengthe/
vertue/and
effecte/and to endure vnto the laste ende of the
nexte parlyament/any thyng in the
same acte conteyned to the con-
trary nat withstandyng.

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